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AMONGST the many Privileges of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, the Power they have to treat and contract with foreign States in Matters of Trade is none of the leaſt; and this great Privilege they have endeavoured, in all Ages, to make a good Uſe of, for the Honour and the Intereſt of the Nation.

In former Ages the *Scots* enjoyed very ſingular Privileges and Advantages of Trade in *France*; theſe are now entirely loſt, not by any Fault or Neglect of the Convention of Burrows, as appears by the expenſive Deputations they ſent to *France* in the Years 1635, 1648 and 1684. The Deputies, upon all theſe Occaſions, went well inſtructed to expoſtulate the firſt Encroachments upon the dear bought Privileges of the *Scots*, but to no Purpoſe. In Proportion as the People of *France* gave up their own Liberties, and permitted their Kings to break Faith with themſelves, in the ſame Proportion their Kings ~~thought themſelves~~ diſpenſed with the Duty of keeping national Faith with their Neighbours.

The Royal Burrows have been more ſucceſsful in their Endeavours to preſerve and improve the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*: Theſe Privileges have always depended upon a Contract betwixt the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, or, before there was a General Convention of the Burrows, betwixt the Repreſentatives of the Trading Eſtate of *Scotland*, and the Government of ſome one or other City in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, ſuch Contracts being always ratified and confirmed by the Sovereigns on both Sides; and the City ſo contracting, and granting peculiar Privileges to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, was called the *Scots* Staple Port, and in the antient *Latin* Deeds *ſtabile emporium*.

It would be a needleſs Inquiry when, or where, or upon what Occaſion, a *Scots* Staple was firſt erected in the *Netherlands*, Records would fail us upon the ſtricteſt Search: It is ſufficient to know that it is very antient, and that *Campvere*, *Ter Veer*, or *Veer* (as it is ſometimes called) in the Province of *Zealand*, has been the *Scots* Staple Port for more than three hundred Years. There have been in that Period ſome few Changes, but ſo ſhort in Duration, and always returning to the ſame Place, that we muſt ſuppoſe, that the Changes were made upon miſtaken Views, and ſo conclude, that our Forefathers found, by Experience, *Campvere* to be the moſt convenient Port for eſtabliſhing their Staple in the *Netherlands*.

Bruges,

Bruges in *Flanders* had been the Staple Port long before *Campvere*, as appears by Letters Patent of *John* Duke of *Burgundy*, (in his Time Sovereign of a great Part of the *Netherlands*) dated at *Ghent* the 30th *April* 1407, mentioning the Contract then ſubſiſting betwixt the Trading Eſtate of *Scotland* and his Town of *Bruges* as then very antient, and granting new Privileges to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation over all his Dominions.

From *Bruges* the Staple was removed to *Campvere* in *May* 1444, upon the Marriage of *Mary Stuart*, Daughter of *James* I. and Siſter of *James* II. then reigning in *Scotland*, to *Wolfred Van Borſelen*, Lord of *Campvere*; and as this Marriage gave the firſt Occaſion to the Connection which has ever ſince ſubſiſted betwixt *Scotland* and that City, perhaps a ſhort Account of the ſucceeding Lords and Marquiſſes to the preſent Marquis, the Moſt Illuſtrious Prince of *Orange*, will not be unacceptable.

The Family of *Van Borſelen* was then very antient, and allied to the moſt noble in *Europe*, and the Repreſentatives of it enjoyed many large Domains, and were dignified with Offices of the higheſt Rank in the *Netherlands*. *Henrick Van Borſelen*, the Father of *Wolfred*, was alive at the Time of this Marriage; he was Stadtholder and Admiral of ſeveral of the Provinces, Lord of *Campvere* and *Fluſhing*, and of many other Places.

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Upon his Death *Wolfred* ſucceeded to his Eſtate, and to moſt of his high Offices. Being a great Warriour, he was made a Marſhal of *France*, and Knight of the Golden Fleece. He had with his Wife *Mary Stuart* the Earldom of *Buchan* in *Scotland*; but ſhe dying without Iſſue, that Eſtate and Title did not continue in the Family. *Wolfred* married a ſecond Wife, *Charlot* of *Bourbon*, Daughter of *Lewis* Count of *Bourbon Montpenſier*, third Son of *John* I. Duke of *Bourbon*. Of this Marriage there was an only Daughter and Heireſs, *Anna Van Borſelen*, who, under the Name of *Anne* Princeſs of *Campvere*, is greatly celebrated by *Eraſmus* for her Beauty, Virtue, Generoſity and other fine Accompliſhments. She muſt likeways have been a learned Lady, for ſome of his *Latin* Epiſtles are addreſſed to her.

She married *Philip* of *Burgundy*, Lord of *Bevres* in *Flanders*, Admiral and Governor of *Artois*, Governor of *Flanders*, and Knight of the Golden Fleece. He was Son of *Anthony* called the great Baſtard of *Burgundy*, Lord of *Bevres*, and Knight of St. *Michael*, and of the Golden Fleece, who was legitimated by *Charles* VIII. in 1485, for his many gallant Actions. His Father was *Philip* the Good, Duke of *Burgundy*.

Philip Lord of *Bevres* and *Anne* Lady of *Campvere* had an only Son and Heir, called *Adolph* of *Burgundy*; he took his chief Title from the Lordſhip of *Campvere*. He was Admiral

miral of *Flanders*, and Knight of the Golden Fleece.

Philip left ſome Daughters, and an only Son, whoſe Name was *Maximilian* of *Burgundy*. This was likeways a very great Man, and a renowned General. He got the Collar of the Golden Fleece in 1546; and in his Favours the Emperor *Charles* V. raiſed the Lordſhip of *Campvere* to a Marquiſate that ſame Year. He died in 1558, and left no Children by his Wife *Louiſa de Croi*, Daughter of *Philip de Croi* Duke of *Arſchot*. He had been a very expenſive Man, ſo that, upon his Death, his great Domains were found to be in a State of Bankruptcy, and the Marquiſate of *Campvere* and *Fluſhing* were ſold for Payment of his Debts. The Right which the Lords of theſe Towns had to repreſent the Nobles of *Zealand* in the Aſſembly of the States of the Province, made this a a fit Purchaſe for *Philip* II. King of *Spain*, then Sovereign of the *Netherlands*; accordingly he was the Purchaſer, but neglected to pay all the Debts upon the Eſtate; and, the Revolt happening very ſoon after, the States of *Zealand*, as Sovereigns of the Province, made themſelves Heirs to *Philip*, whoſe Sovereignty they had renounced, and took Poſſeſſion of the Marquiſate, but they likeways neglected to pay the Debts for which it was ſold; ſo that by a Decreet of the High Court of *Mechlin*, in the the Year 1581, it was put up to Sale again for the Payment of the old Debts of *Maximilian*.

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William I. Prince of *Orange* was the Purchaſer, at a publick Sale, for a Sum of 24,000 *l. Flemiſh*; and ſo this Marquiſate came to the Houſe of *Orange*, and the illuſtrious Princes of that Houſe continued lineally, and without Diſpute, in the Poſſeſſion of it a Space of One hundred and twenty Years.

But from the Death of King *William* to the Year 1747, there was no Marquis, at leaſt none was admitted to the high Pre-eminences and Authority which all the Lords and Marquiſes had till then enjoyed. The Caſe was this; King *William*, by his Teſtament, appointed for his Heir, in *Germany* and the *Netherlands*, *John William Friſo*, Prince of *Naſſau*, and Hereditary Stadtholder of *Friezland*, and the States General were made Executors of his Will. But the Heretage became a diſputed Point betwixt the Houſe of *Brandenburgh* and that Prince, who was then a Minor, and the Executors did not then find the Time proper for entering into the Diſpute: However, as ſoon as the Prince came to be of Age, which was in the 1708, he took the Title of Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*. The War at that Time employed him ſo much, in fitting himſelf for the military Glories which had been ſo long hereditary to the Names he bore, that he gave very little Attention to the great Domains to which he was left Heir. Young as he was he commanded the *Dutch* Infantry at the Battle of *Malplaquet*, and, by his Conduct

duct and perſonal Bravery, gained immortal Honour; but, unhappily for *Europe*, he was accidentally drowned in *July* 1711. Upon the 1ſt *September*, *N. S.* following, his Widow *Mary Louiſa*, Daughter of *Charles* Landgrave of *Heſſe-Caſſel*, brought forth a poſthumous Son, the preſent Moſt Illuſtrious Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, *William*, *Charles*, *Henry*, *Friſo*.

This long Minority again ſucceeding, the Affair of the Heretage and of the Marquiſate lay pretty much dormant, until the Prince came to be of Age, which was in the Year 1732, when his firſt Care was to accommodate Matters, in an amicable Manner, with the late King of *Pruſſia*, and a Partition was made betwixt them, by which the Marquiſate of *Campvere* was allotted to the Prince of *Orange*. All this while the Repreſentatives of the Six voting Towns of *Zealand*, *Middelburgh*, *Campvere*, *Fluſhing*, *Goes*, *Zirrikzee* and *Tholen*, had accuſtomed themſelves to exerciſe the Sovereignty of the Province, and had no Inclination to introduce again into the Aſſembly of the States the Voice of the Nobles, which the Prince of *Orange* would undoubtedly claim as his Right, as ſoon as he ſhould be inveſted in the Marquſate; and therefore, to preſerve entire to themſelves the Power which they enjoyed, they attempted a very extraordinary Exertion of Sovereignty, even to annihilate the Marquiſate. Accordingly, by a very ſolemn Act, they appropriated the Domains to themſelves,

ſelves, and diveſted the Prince of all the Prerogatives which he might pretend to upon that Score. At the ſame Time, to indemnify him (as they called it) they propoſed an Equivalent in Money, and depoſited for him, in the Bank of *Middelburgh*, 100,000 Rix-dollars. The Prince made many Remonſtrances againſt theſe Proceedings, and rejected the Money with Scorn, tho' the States profered to double it, or even to increaſe it to any Sum, if he would ſubmit it to an Arbitration. This his Highneſs would never conſent to; and ſo the Matter remained until the Year 1747, when he was not only reſtored to the Marquiſate, but made Stadtholder, Admiral and Captain General of all the Seven Provinces.

Campvere, the *Scots* Staple Town, had the Honour to ſet the Example to the whole Republick, in bringing about this great Event. A minute Detail of what paſſed, upon this Occaſion, in *Zealand*, would make too long a Digreſſion from our chief Purpoſe. Let it only be mentioned in general, that when the Succeſs of the *French* Arms, in the *Netherlands*, had not only carried the *Dutch* Barrier, Town after Town, but alſo ſubjected all *Auſtrian Flanders*, and *Auſtrian Brabant*, and from the different Garriſons carried a great Part of the *Dutch* Army Priſoners of War, the *French* Miniſtry ſeemed to think it needleſs to cajole the *Dutch* any longer. They opened the Campaign 1747, by ſending a numerous Army into

to *Dutch Flanders*, where none of the Fortreſſes were tolerably provided for Defence, and threatened an immediate Invaſion of *Zealand*, which had neither Fortreſſes, Ships nor Troops to defend it. The Intention ſeemed to be, to frighten or force the *Zealanders* to conſent to a Neutrality, to which ſome of the other Provinces had already conſented. Proper Veſſels had been ſecretly provided at *Ghent*, *Bruges*, *Blankenburg* and *Oſtend*, for the Expedition to *Zealand*, as ſoon as the principal Fortreſſes ſhould fall. The Alarm was ſudden, and the Terror of the *Zealanders* very great, but Means were found to keep up their Spirits, by Aſſurances of immediate Succour of *Engliſh* Ships of War; and at that Time, as every Day was productive of Tidings of the Progreſs and Preparations of the *French*, which were induſtriouſly magnified by their proper Inſtruments, ſo every Day produced new Grounds of Dependence upon *Britiſh* Protection, and Winds and Weather were ſo favourable, that, in leſs than a Week after the firſt Alarm, no leſs than 27 *Engliſh* Ships and Veſſels of War and Tenders, three Battallions of *Britiſh* Foot, and a Company of Artillery, were proviſionally aſſembled from *England*, and from Sea, for their Defence. This made the Hearts of the *Zealanders* overflow with Gratitude to his Majeſty, and conſequently made their Minds ſuſceptible of Influence from his Servants, and other Well-

wiſhers to the common Cauſe. They opened their Eyes to ſee the Falſhood of the Deluſions of *France*, which had made the Rulers of the Republick too tamely bear ſo many Indignities during the Courſe of the War, until their proper Territories were expoſed to this Inſult, and themſelves to this Fright, from which their faithful Allies were ſo opportunely relieving them. They reſolved upon a total Change of the Adminiſtration of Government, by calling a Stadtholder to their Head, as their Forefathers uſed to do in Caſes of Extremity. The Invaſion of *Dutch Flanders* was upon the 17th of *April*, N. S. the Alarm in *Zealand* upon the 18th, and that ſame Day Aſſurances of *Britiſh* Succour were given to the States. Next Day the Ships and Veſſels came from the *Oſtend* Station into *Fluſhing* Road. Upon the 20th, 21ſt and 22d, other Cruizers came in from Sea. Upon the 23d, Commodore *Mitchel* arrived with the whole Squadron from the *Downs*. Upon the 24th, the Fleet of Tranſports, with the Troops, came in Sight. Upon the 25th, the Prince of *Orange* was declared, at *Campvere*. Upon the 26th and 27th, the other Towns of *Zealand* did the ſame; ſo that, upon the 28th, he was unanimouſly declared, in the Aſſembly of the States, Stadtholder, High Admiral, and Captain General of *Zealand*. The other Provinces followed the Example with a Quickneſs that aſtoniſhed the World, no leſs than the firſt Appearance

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of the true Patriot Spirit of the *Zealanders* had done. His Serene Highneſs appeared in his High Characters, firſt in *Zealand*, and honoured *Campvere*, before the other Towns, with his Preſence. He took his Seat in the Aſſembly of the States, and appointed to repreſent him, as firſt Noble of the Province, the Baron *Van Borſelen*, a collateral Branch of the antient Family, the Alliance of which, with the Royal Family of *Scotland*, gave Occaſion to the firſt Settlement of the Staple at *Campvere*.

But to return. The *Scots* Staple having been ſettled at *Campvere* in 1444, as has been ſaid, the Trade flouriſhed ſo well, and the Port was found ſo convenient for it, that no Attempt was made to remove it, until the Year 1539, when the City of *Edinburgh*, as repreſenting the Trading Eſtate of *Scotland*, ſent Baillie *John Atchiſon* and *David Tod* Merchants, to treat with the Town of *Antwerp* in *Brabant* about ſettling the Staple there; and accordingly a a Contract was concluded upon very advantageous Terms. By the Narrative of this Contract it appears, that the Inducement to make the Change was, that *Antwerp* was the moſt frequented by Merchants from all Places; and it is certain, that it was then by far the greateſt City of Trade in the World: But this Advantage was not found equal to the Advantages which the Cities nearer the Mouth of the *Scheld* have by their Situation. For only two Years thereafter, in 1541, another Contract

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was concluded with *Middelburgh* in *Zealand*, by *Andrew Moubray* and *James Henryſon*, as Deputies from the Town of *Edinburgh*.

By the Narrative of this Contract it appears, that it had proceeded upon an Invitation from the Town of *Middelburgh*, and the Terms were very advantageous, but it never took Effect; at leaſt there are no Veſtiges, either in the Records of *Middelburgh*, or of the Conſervator's Office at the Staple Port, that it ever did; and it is certain, that a very few Years thereafter, in 1548, the *Scots* Staple was flouriſhing at *Campvere*.

At that Time the Emperor *Charles* V. Sovereign of the *Netherlands*, was engaged in his Wars with *Francis* I. of *France*, upon whom the *Engliſh* likeways made War. The *Scots*, as uſual, aſſiſted the *French*; but, in the *Netherlands*, they were conſidered as Neutrals, and were allowed the full and free Enjoyment of their Privileges in Trade, until they raſhly made themſelves Principals in the War. In the Year 1548, a rich *Engliſh* Ship, bound from *Antwerp* to *Newcaſtle*, having ſtopt Tide in the Road of *Campvere*, the *Scots* Sailors, then at their Staple Port, ſurpriſed the Ship in a piratical Manner, and carried her to *Scotland*. This daring Inſult, and Breach of the Peace within a Sovereign's Territory; produced an immediate Declaration of War, or, at leaſt, an Order of the Emperor to all his Subjects in the *Netherlands*, to equip and make Repriſals upon the *Scots*. The *Scots* likeways equipped,

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and were ſo much ſuperior at Sea, (which will now hardly gain Credit) that they not only confined the *Dutch* and *Flemiſh* Privateers in their Harbours, but interrupted the Trade of three of the Provinces, *Flanders*, *Zealand* and *Holland*, and of the great City *Antwerp* itſelf. There was a total Interruption of their own Trade to the Staple Port; but, upon the general Peace, they were, in 1551, reſtored to their former Privileges, and the *Scots* Trade flouriſhed again at *Campvere*, a ſtrict Obſervance of the Staple having been enjoined by ſundry Proclamations of Queen *Mary*.

The next Interruption of the Staple was, in the Year 1572, upon Occaſion of the Revolt from the *Spaniſh* Tyranny. *Campvere* was then the ſecond Town in the *Netherlands* that ſhook off the Yoke, and did it in a Manner which made it impoſſible to carry on any Trade there for ſome Years. The Circumſtances were theſe: Don *Juan Pacicco*, a Relation of Duke *d' Alva*, being a Governor of *Fluſhing* under him, he uſed the Inhabitants moſt barbarouſly, ſo that they were at laſt drove to Deſpair. He was daily hanging up, without Ceremony, many innocent Men, and, at laſt, to ſtrike the greater Terror, he erected a Gallows of an extraordinary Height in the Market-place of *Fluſhing*, on which he purpoſed to hang a conſiderable Man of the Town. The whole Inhabitants diſcovered ſo much Anxiety to ſave this Man, that the Governor,

vernor, to ſecure the Execution, thought proper to order, from the oppoſite Shore in *Flanders*, ſome Companies of *Spaniſh* Troops to reinforce his Garriſon. Upon Approach of the Veſſels with theſe Troops, the Burghers run to Arms, drew their Chain before their Harbour, and ſhut their Ports, cutting to Pieces every thing that oppoſed them, and hung up *Pacicco*, *Haman* like, upon the Gallows which he had erected.

The Inhabitants of *Campvere* were keen in the ſame Cauſe; but being over-awed, durſt not, by themſelves, attempt any thing. Wherefore two Companies of *Fluſhing* Burghers came by Concert to their Aſſiſtance, the one by Water, and the other by Land; and, with this friendly Help, they drove out the *Spaniſh* Faction, and likeways ſhut their Ports to ſtop the Re-entrance of Tyranny.

Thus theſe two little Towns, without any near Proſpect of Aſſiſtance, (the Prince of *Orange* being then only raiſing Troops in *Holland*) not only bid Defiance to the mighty Power of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, but expoſed themſelves to the daily Hoſtilities of all the Towns around them, which were ſoon filled with ſtrong *Spaniſh* Garriſons, and, in particular, to the large City *Middelburgh*, lying betwixt them at three or four Miles Diſtance from each; and ſo *Campvere* became a very unſafe Place for the Continuance of the *Scots* Staple Trade.

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The Conſervator and Factors immediately removed with their Effects to *Bruges*, where they got their antient Privileges reſtored to them; and the Expedition made in ſecuring the *Scots* Effects upon this Occaſion, with little or no Interruption of the Trade, is a good Evidence of the Advantage in having a well regulated Factory abroad: For, as the Revolt of *Fluſhing* was upon the firſt Day of *May*, and the Revolt of *Campvere* upon the 3d, ſo the Act of the Burghermaſters, and Council of *Bruges*, reſtoring the *Scots* to their antient Privileges, and promiſing Protection, is dated towards the End of that ſame Month.

As this memorable War ſoon ſpread itſelf over the whole Provinces, *Bruges* became likeways an unſafe Place for our Settlement; ſo that, in the Year 1574, there was a Reſolution taken, in the Convention of Burrows, to fix the Staple at *Calais* proviſionally, until Peace and Safety ſhould be reſtored in the *Netherlands*. But the War being ſooner removed from the Province of *Zealand*, and the Navigation of the *Scheld* ſooner ſecured than the firſt weak Attempts for Liberty gave Ground to hope, the Staple was re-eſtabliſhed at *Campvere*; and, in the Year 1578, a Contract was made in very ample Form: Mr. *Henry Nisbet* of *Edinburgh*, and *George Hacket* Conſervator, being Commiſſioners from the Burrows. This Contract was enforced by ſeveral Acts of Par-

Parliament, and Acts of Burrows, for the ſtrict Obſervance of the Staple Port.

In the Year 1611, there was a Propoſal in the Convention to remove the Staple to *Middelburgh*, and the King's Conſent thereto was obtained, but it did not take Effect; for, in the next Year 1612, a new Contract was made with the Town of *Campvere*; *David Aikenhead* of *Edinburgh*, and *William Goldman* of *Dundee*, aſſiſted by the Conſervator Sir *Robert Denniſton*, being Commiſſioners from the Burrows.

The Narrative of this Contract proceeds upon the Conſideration of the very antient Alliances, as well betwixt the Princes as betwixt the People on both Parts; and the ſucceeding Records of the Burrows for many Years ſhow the great Attention given to this advantageous Settlement, in well regulating every thing relating to it.

The Privileges obtained were ſo great, that, tho' the Burrows were courted by *Middelburgh*, *Rotterdam* and other Places, it does not appear, that they ever had any real Deſign or Inclination to change the Staple Port.

It is true, that, in the Year 1632, they ordered their Conſervator Mr. *Patrick Drummond*, to treat with *Middelburgh* and other Places; but this Order ſeems to have been given only to enforce a very poſitive Letter about Redreſs of Grievances, which they wrote, at the ſame time, to the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, who had been

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ſlack in anſwering former Letters upon the Subject.

The Staple continued to flouriſh, and the Factory became rich, and in ſo great Credit, that they were of great Conſequence in the Troubles of *Britain*, which fell out about the Middle of the laſt Century. And here it may be mentioned for their Honour, that from firſt to laſt they continued zealouſly attached to the true Principles of Liberty, the great Cauſe then in queſtion. They were of Conſequence in this Cauſe, by furniſhing Arms, Artillery, Ammunition, and all the Implements of War, to an immenſe Value, to thoſe, and thoſe alone, who ſeemed to have the Rights of the People in View.

We find that ſo early as the Year 1638 the Convention of Burrows ordered them 15,000 *l.* in Payment of the Arms they had already furniſhed to the State. They furniſhed afterwards the Army which marched into *England*, to give Countenance to the juſt Demands of the *Engliſh* Parliament, for Redreſs of Grievances; and likewiſe furniſhed the *Engliſh* Army for ſome Years, as long as it could be properly called the Parliament's. But as ſoon as that Army loſt Sight of the Cauſe of Liberty, for which they were enliſted, and ſet up themſelves and their General in Place of King and Parliament, they joined in every Endeavour to reſtore the Royal Family. A great Man the Uſurper certainly was; glorious he was making

himſelf by doing real good to the Nations over which he had uſurped the Dominion, and he ſoon became a Dread to all the Nations around him; yet ſtill the *Scots* Staple Factory dared to furniſh Arms and Warlike Stores for every Attempt to pull him down; and, in particular, the Arms and Artillery that were left in the fatal Fields of *Dunbar* and *Worceſter*, were furniſhed by them.

The Zeal of the Factory for the Reſtoration of the Royal Family was ſo great, that after they had ſtretched their Credit as far as it would go, to furniſh Arms for King *Charles* II. his fatal Expedition to *Scotland* in 1652, they mortgaged even their Dwelling Houſes in *Campvere* to raiſe a ready Sum to releaſe his Majeſty's Equipage, when it was arreſted at *Breda*, juſt as he was ready to ſet out. It is odd, that none of the numerous Hiſtorians of theſe Times ever thought it material to enquire into the Ways and Means by which the *Engliſh* Parliament Army, for a Time, and the *Scots* Presbyterian Army, firſt and laſt, got ſuch Quantities of Arms and Ammunition to ſuch immenſe Values as they muſt have been. But many curious Particulars relating to this are to be found in a Manuſcript Journal of Sir *Thomas Cuningham* Conſervator; where it likewiſe appears, that there never was Payment made for what was furniſhed to the Service of *Charles* II. not even after the Reſtoration. Mr. *Cuningham* indeed

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got the Honour of Knighthood conferred upon him, as a ſufficient Recompence for his good Services in almoſt ruining his own Family, and influencing his Friends to ruin theirs, to the irreparable Loſs of the Factory.

It is not found, that *Cromwel*'s War with the *Dutch* gave any Interruption to the *Scots* Staple Trade; but King *Charles*'s Wars with them put an entire Stop to it.

Upon Concluſion of the Peace at *Breda*, the Burrows immediately thought of renewing their Staple Contract. The Town of *Rotterdam* was very forward in making advantageous Propoſals, which were communicated to them by Sir *William Davidſon* Conſervator. The Town of *Campvere* likeways offered to renew the former Contract; and the Burrows would willingly have contracted with either of theſe Towns, but the Intrigues of the famous *De Wits*, at the Court of King *Charles*, carried it in favours of the Town of *Dort*, againſt the real Intereſt of *Scotland*. *Campvere* was to be demoliſhed, as the Prince of *Orange* was Marquis of it; but *Dort* was their own Town.

The Commiſſioners of the Burrows, upon this Occaſion, were *Walter Chieſly* and *Alexander Sandilands* of *Edinburgh*, and *Patrick Threpland* of *Perth*; and their Inſtructions were, that, in caſe the King ſhould leave the Choice of the Place to their Election, they ſhould chuſe the moſt advantageous, taking into Conſideration the Convenience of the Situation, as well

well as the Terms offered; and, if they ſhould find theſe Conſiderations equal, to give the Preference to *Campvere*. But that, in caſe his Majeſty ſhould determine the Place, they ſhould only treat with the Repreſentatives of that Place, and break off the Treaty, if they would not give as good Terms as any other. Sir *William Davidſon* was Commiſſioner from the King, and his Orders, ſigned by *Lauderdale*, were poſitive for *Dort*. Accordingly a Contract with *Dort* was concluded, in the 1668. How Sir *William Davidſon* was rewarded is not known; but the three Commiſſioners of the Burrows had 600 *l. Sterl.* paid them; a much greater Sum in theſe Days than it is now.

This unlucky Contract made the firſt Diviſion of the *Scots* Factory in the *Netherlands*; till now it had remained an united well regulated Body, to promote the Trade of their Country; but, upon this Occaſion it became greatly diſunited. All the World ſaw, that the real Intereſt of the *Scots* Trade was very little taken into Conſideration, in making this Change of the Staple Port: Politicks of another Nature furniſhed the Motives; ſo that it is no wonder, that ſome of the Factors remained at *Campvere*, ſome removed to *Dort*, and ſome to *Rotterdam*; and ſo the *Scots* Staple Trade was firſt diſperſed.

It was ſoon found by Experience, that *Dort* was an inconvenient Place for the Staple Port; and the Burrows were not long in taking Meaſures

ſures to re-eſtabliſh it at *Campvere*. Mr. *Henry Wilkie*, Conſervator, was appointed their Commiſſioner for that Purpoſe, in the 1675; and next Year a new Contract with *Campvere* was made for the Space of 21 Years, which was afterwards ratified by the King, in *July* 1676.

Several Acts of the Burrows were made for the ſtrict Obſervance of the Staple; but the Factory continued divided betwixt *Rotterdam* and *Campvere*; and the Flight of many of our perſecuted Countrymen from *Scotland* to *Rotterdam*, where they found Protection, greatly increaſed their Number there; while Sir *James Kennedy*, the ſucceeding Conſervator, having been amongſt the firſt of the Courtiers who complimented King *James* with his Religion, was an improper Miniſter to draw many *Scotſmen* to the Staple Port. He died about the Time of the Revolution, and was ſucceeded by Sir *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, a Gentleman of quite a different Stamp in Religion and Politicks; and under his Adminiſtration the Staple recovered conſiderably for ſome Years.

As the Contract 1676 was to expire in 1697, Sir *Andrew* was commiſſioned by the Burrows to renew it, and a new Contract, for 21 Years, was concluded at the *Hague* in *December*, that Year in moſt ample Form. King *William*, as Marquis of *Campvere* by his Deputies, and the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* by their Deputies, were Contracters on one Part, and the Royal

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Burrows by their Deputy Sir *Andrew Kennedy* were Contracters on the other Part. This Contract was ſoon after ratified by King *William* as King of *Scotland*, and by the States of *Zealand* as Sovereigns of the Province, and as it has in it a Clauſe of Prolongation, the Parties have thought fit to renew it with Additions, at different Times, ſo that it continues in full Force to this Day.

Soon after the making of this Conrtact, ſome unlucky Differences happened with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*; ſo that in the Year 1702 the Burrows thought it neceſſary to ſend Commiſſioners to compoſe them. The Commiſſioners were Provoſt *Oliphant* of *Perth*, and Provoſt *Aardes* of *Aberdeen*, and a formal Contract of Agreement was concluded in *Auguſt* that Year. But ſome Differences of the Factors amongſt themſelves, and with the Conſervator, continued and came to a great Height, to the great Detriment of the Trade; and when the Union of *Scotland* with *England* had put a Stop to the Exportation of Wool and Skins, which were then the chief Staple Commodities, no proper Meaſures could be unanimouſly concerted to make the Staple Port ſerviceable for the other Trade of *Scotland*. Another unlucky Circumſtance, which increaſed the Diviſions of the Factory, and hindered the due Attention that ſhould have been given to the general Good, was, that Sir *Alexander Cumin* of *Coulter* got, by Surprize, a Gift of the

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Office of Conſervator from Queen *Anne*, which engaged Sir *Andrew Kennedy*, who had his Commiſſion for Life, into an expenſive and very tedious Law Proceſs with him. All theſe unlucky Things concurring, the Staple Trade was, in a few Years, reduced to almoſt Nothing.

Mr. *Andrew Kennedy*, who ſuceeded his Father Sir *Andrew* in the Office, diſpaired of recovering the Trade, and ſo the Staple Port continued, during his Life, of little Avail for the Purpoſes for which it was intended. However, as the Contract 1697 was to expire in 1718, the Burrows thought proper to have it renewed; and accordingly it was renewed, with Amplifications, for another Space of 21 Years, Mr. *Andrew Kennedy*, Conſervator, being their Commiſſioner for that Purpoſe.

In the Year 1725, the States General made a new Regulation as to the Importation and Exportation of Goods, greatly reducing the Duties, which made the total Exemption of Duties at the Staple Port of leſs Conſideration then formerly. And, upon this Occaſion, the *Scots* Merchants at *Rotterdam*, (who had drawn almoſt all the Trade) did not fail to repreſent, that the Privileges at *Campvere* were now of little or no Service for the *Scots* Trade; but the contrary has ſince been made to appear.

Upon the Death of *Andrew Kennedy*, Eſq; *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Eſq; was appointed Lord Conſervator in 1727. He found the Staple Port

Port only frequented by a very few Ships from *Aberdeen* yearly, with their Manufactures, and little known to the reſt of *Scotland*; but having given Attention to the Duties of his Office, and, above all, having cultivated a good Underſtanding, and even an intimate Friendſhip with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, and with the Factors, the Trade to the Staple Port has been yearly increaſing ever ſince. The Advantages of ſuch Privileges as we enjoy, are more and more known by Experience, and the Number of Factors increaſed, and is ſtill encreaſing.

As the Contract 1718 was to expire in the the Year 1739, the *Rotterdamers* were forming Schemes to prevent the Renewal of it; but the Royal Burrows being timouſly advertiſed of this, they commiſſioned, in 1736, the Lord Conſervator *Mac Aulay* to negociate with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* a Prolongation of the Contract. This was done with ſo much Expedition, that, before the adverſe Schemes could be brought to bear, a new Contract of Prolongation, for the Space of 21 Years longer, was concluded in *October* that Year, with ſome Amplifications that have ſince been found of great Conſequence.

During the late War, the Staple Trade ſuffered conſiderably for Want of regular Convoy. Our Ships indeed got frequently Convoy homewards, ſometimes of *Dutch* Men of War going caſually to the Northward, and ſome-

ſometimes of *Engliſh* Men of War, that were ordered to *Campvere* for that Service. And it is true, that, in the Beginning of the Year 1745, a regular Convoy was ordered by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, and a numerous Fleet was convoyed home in the Summer that Year: But before the outward bound Ships were aſſembled, the deteſted Rebellion broke out, and the Men of War were more neceſſarily employed in guarding our Coaſts, and cutting off the Communication betwixt the Enemy and their Tools in *Scotland*. All this while the Admiralty of *Zealand* refuſed to fulfil an Article of the Contract, by which they are obliged, in Time of War, to give Convoy for the Staple Trade twice a Year. Proper Inſtances were frequently made to them, but they alledged, that they were ſtill at Peace with *France*, and durſt not give Offence: But as ſoon as the Adminiſtration of the Republick was changed, the ſtipulated Convoy would have been readily granted, but then it was out of their Power to give it, as all the Ships they could equip, together with a ſtrong Squadron of *Engliſh* Men of War, were found neceſſary to cover the Province of *Zealand*. However, as ſoon as a Veſſel could be ſpared from that neceſſary Service, a Frigat was appointed by the Prince of *Orange*, as High Admiral, to convoy home the *Scots* Ships then at *Campvere*, and to aſſemble in *Scotland*, and bring back the Trade;

and, had the War continued longer, a regular Convoy would have been continued of ſuch Force, and at ſuch Times as the Conſervator or his Depute ſhould intimate to his Serene Highneſs.

The Royal Burrows, in their general Convention 1748, taking into Conſideration the great Obligations which the Lovers of Liberty every where owe to the Princes of the illuſtrious Houſe of *Orange*, who have, in all Ages, been Champions in that glorious Cauſe; that the Kingdoms of *Britain*, in particular, owe their Religion and Liberty to the Interpoſition of a Prince of *Orange*, and that to the preſent moſt illuſtrious Prince, to his vigorous Meaſures, and Unanimity of Councils with his Majeſty, it is, in a great Meaſure, owing; that we have the Bleſſings of Peace reſtored to us; they therefore reſolved to ſend Deputies of their Number to compliment his Serene Highneſs upon his Promotion to the high Dignities of his Family; and, for that Purpoſe, they appointed the Right Hon. *George Drummond*, Eſq; then Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and the Lord Conſervator *Mac Aulay*, preſent Provoſt, their Commiſſioners. They were charged, at the ſame time, with another Commiſſion, to negotiate a Prolongation of the Staple Contract, and to procure the Prince's Ratification of it, as Marquis of *Campvere*.

Their Lordſhips were received at *Campvere* with great Reſpect, and every Mark of Friend-

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ſhip: And Deputies of the Magiſtracy were immediately appointed to attend them to the *Hague*, and there to treat and conclude with them a Prolongation of the Contract. They were moſt graciouſly received by his Serene Highneſs, and acquitted themſelves, of their Commiſſion to him, with very warm and ſincere Hearts, and, at the ſame time, with becoming Dignity. In Return, his Serene Highneſs was pleaſed to give them the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances of the great Regard he had for the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and of the conſtant Attention he would give to every Thing in his Power that might concern their Intereſt.

The Commiſſioners had diſtinguiſhing Honours conferred upon them by their Serene and Royal Highneſſes, during their Stay at the *Hague*, where, in a few Days, a Prolongation of the Staple Contract, for the Space of Twenty one Years after the Expiration of the preſent was concluded. The Town of *Rotterdam* took the Alarm as uſual, and plotted, in a very ſtrong Manner, to influence the Prince not to ratify it: But his Serene Highneſs gave Proof of the Sincerity with which he had profeſſed that he would give conſtant Attention to the Intereſt of the Burrows. He ſigned the Ratification in moſt ample Form.

When the Commiſſioners reported the Succeſs of their Negotiation to the general Convention 1749, Orders were given to print the

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ſeveral Contracts at preſent ſubſiſting; and for the Information of a great many of the Burrows, in their own Matters, this Narrative is prefixed. And, it is hoped, that the uniform Conduct of the Royal Burrows, for ſo many Ages, will meet with general Approbation; nay, it is hoped, that People of every Turn of Mind, in *Scotland*, will here meet with ſomething to pleaſe them in their own Way. Such as are fond of Antiquities will find, that the *Scots* Staple Factory is the moſt antient Settlement of the Kind, now ſubſiſting, any where in the World. Such as are pleaſed with diſtinguiſhing Honours to their Country will find, that the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands* are the moſt honourable that ever were granted to any Nation in that, or, perhaps, any other Country. The diligent Merchant will find, how theſe Privileges may be uſed for his Advantage; and the anxious Heart, for future Generations, will rejoice, that theſe moſt antient, honourable and valuable Privileges are, by the great Care of the Burrows, put in a fair Way to be tranſmitted to diſtant Poſterity.

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STAPLE CONTRACT, &c.

KNOW all Men, of what Quality or Condition ſoever, That foraſmuch-as the Nation of *Scotland*, by many antient Contracts and Agreements, entered into and made with the Town of *Campvere*, have, for many Years, enjoyed the Privileges, Freedoms and Immunities in their Trade, and Eſtabliſhments of their Staple Court, in the ſaid Town of *Campvere*; and now the Royal Burrows of the ſaid Kingdom of *Scotland*, for the good Amity and Correſpondence that formerly has been betwixt them and the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, having been pleaſed to continue the *Scots* Staple there, and having, with Approbation of the Moſt Serene Prince the King of *Great Britain*, been pleaſed to commiſſionate and ſend hither the Honourable Heer *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, Reſident for his ſaid Majeſty of *Great Britain*, for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation there, with Power to him to treat with the Town of *Campvere*, upon Articles concerning the Continuation and Eſtabliſhment of the *Scots* Staple Court within the foreſaid Town, for the Good

and Advantage of the Trade and Commerce of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, the ſaid *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, in Proſecution of his Honour's Commiſſions, both as his Majeſty's Reſident, and as Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, has entered in Treaty with the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, to the End the *Scots* Staple Court might, by Continuation, be eſtabliſhed there; of which reſpective Commiſſions the true Copies do here follow.

Here follows the Copy of his Majeſty's Commiſſion:

GUlielmus et Maria, Dei gratia, Magnæ Britaniæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ rex et regina, ſideique defenſores, omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos præſentes literæ noſtræ pervenerint, ſalutem: Quandoquidem nobis abunde ſatisfactum ſit, de magiſtri Andreæ Kennedi de Clowburn ejus erga nos fide, illiuſque fidelitate et integritate, ſuaque etiam aptitudine, et facultatibus ad munera et officia Conſervatoris privilegiorum, ſubditis noſtris, antiqui noſtri Scotiæ regni, in Belgio conceſſorum, nec non Reſidentis noſtri, pro omnibus quibuſcunque dicti regni noſtri negotiis, intra omnes ſeptemdecim Belgii provinciarum limites, quam exquiſite perfungenda neceſſariis: Noveritis igitur nos feciſſe, conſtituiſſe et nominaſſe, tenoreque præſentium facimus, nominamus, et conſtituimus præfatum

præfatum magiſtrum Andream Kennedum, pro toto vitæ ſuæ tempore, Conſervatorem dictorum privilegiorum, ſubditis noſtris, dicti antiqui regni noſtri Scotiæ, in Belgio conceſſorum; ac etiam facimus, nominamus, et conſtituimus memoratum magiſtrum Andream Kennedum, (durante ſpatio antedicto) Reſidentem noſtrum, pro omnibus quibuſcunque dicti regni negotiis intra integros ſeptemdecim Belgii provinciarum limites; ipſique damus et concedimus prædicta munera et officia, non minore poteſtatis privilegii, juris et libertatis amplitudine, quam quivis alius Conſervator ſeu Reſidens, quovis tempore præterito, potitus eſt; et ſpeciatim cum poteſtate illi, deputatos ſuos, unum ſeu plures, in dictis officiis, (pro quibus reſpondere tenebitur) cum clericis, miniſtris, aſſeſſoribus, omnibuſque aliis curiæ officiariis, nominandi et conſtituendi, eoſque pro arbitrio vocandi, et exauctorandi, admittendi, et eliminandi; cum poteſtate illi, dictis officiis, cum omnibus dignitatibus, privilegiis, libertatibus, immunitatibus, feodis et caſualitatibus, eo legitime ſpectantibus, per ſe ſuoſque deputatos, modo prædicto, utendi et exercendi, perque ſervos ſuos et collectores, omnia et ſingula emolumenta, cenſus et caſualitates, ad dicta officia Conſervatoris et Reſidentis pertinentia, vel quæ ad eadem vel alterutrum eorum pertinere et ſpectare poterunt, rogandi, levandi, exigendi, et recipiendi, cumque poteſtate illi, delinquentium perſonas ſeu corpora capiendi et apprehendendi, eorumque

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bona diſtringendi et vendendi. Requirimus pariter et mandamus omnibus dicti regni noſtri ſubditis, mercatoribus, præſertim factoribus, navarchis, omnibuſque aliis quorum præſentes interſunt, ſeu intereſſe poterunt, ut dictum magiſtrum Andream Kennedum, ejuſque deputatos, in fideli dictorum duorum officiorum functione, omni qua par eſt reverentia, honore, reſpectu et obedientia, afficiant, colant et proſequantur; utque ipſi, ſuiſque deputatis, collectoribus, aliiſve ejus nomine, omnia feoda, redditus et emolumenta, ad utrumlibet dictorum duorum officiorum pertinentia, vel quæ eidem (durante tempore prædicto) pertinere dignoſcentur, ſub ſumma pœna, et prout nobis reſpondebunt, ſi in contrarium fecerint, prompte et grato animo perſolvant. In cujus rei teſtimonium, præſentibus magnum ſigillum noſtrum appendi præcipimus, apud aulam noſtram de Hollandhouſe, primo die menſis Novembris, anno Domini milleſimo ſexcenteſimo octogeſimo nono, regnique noſtri primo.

Per ſignaturam manu S. D. N. regis ſupra ſcript.

On the Back as follows:

Written to the Great-Seal, and regiſtrate the twenty-eighth Day of *January* 1690.

WILL. KERR.

Sealed at Edinburgh, *the 8th of* Feb. 1690.

A. INGLIS.

The foreſaid Commiſſion having appending thereto the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Scotland *on red Wax.*

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Here follows the Act of the Committee of the Royal Burrows, ſtanding before the original Contract, ſubſcribed by the Preſident of their Honours Convention.

Edinburgh, *the* 15*th Day of* October, 1696.

Sederunt of the Committee of the Royal Burrows,

Edinburgh, *John Robertſon*, and *Alexander Monteith.*
Dundee, *Alexander Blair.*
Aberdeen, *John Allardes.*
Glaſgow, *John Anderſon.*
Air, *John Mure.*
Montroſe, (Abſent).
Irvine, Mr. *Alexander Cuningham.*
Dumbarton, Mr. *James Smollet.*
Culroſs, Mr. *William Erskine.*

The ſame Day the Committee elects Sir Archibald Mure *of* Thorntoun, *Lord Provoſt of* Edinburgh, *to be their Preſes.*

THE ſame Day the Committee, conform to the 22d Act of the laſt General Convention impowering them to ſit after diſſolving of the ſaid Convention, for adjuſting, determining and ſettling of the Staple Port, and to enter in Contract with ſuch Places in the *Netherlands*, upon ſuch Terms and Conditions, and for ſo many Years as ſhould be judged moſt proper and convenient by the ſaid Committee

Committee to condeſcend to, for the general Benefit of the State of Burrows, having met in order to the ſettling thereof, and after full reaſoning, and debating of the moſt proper and convenient Place for ſettling of the ſaid Staple Port, and hearing and conſidering the Conſervator's Memorial given by him thereanent, together with his Report made in their Preſence, the Committee, for the good Amity and Correſpondence that formerly has been betwixt the State of Burrows and the Town of *Campvere*, and ſeveral other grave and weighty Conſiderations moving them, agrees and condeſcends, that the Staple Port be again ſettled in the Town of *Campvere*, and that a Contract be paſt and expede betwixt the State of Burrows and the Town of *Campvere:* And the ſaid Committee, by virtue of the ſaid 22d Act, impowering them to adjuſt, determine and ſettle the ſaid Staple Port, having ſeveral Times met, have at laſt reſolved and agreed, in the Form and Manner contained in the following Articles:

Follows the Commiſſion of the Committee to the ſaid Andrew Kennedy.

Edinburgh, 15th *October* 1696.

THE which Day, the Committee taking to their ſerious Conſideration, of how great Import and Concern the ſettling of the Staple Port at *Campvere* will prove to the State of Burrows,

Burrows, and haill Trade of the Kingdom, and how neceſſary and expedient it is, that ſome diſcreet and well qualified Perſon be employed to treat with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* for that Effect; and being fully perſuaded of the Integrity, Abilities, and other Qualifications of Mr. *Andrew Kennedy*, his Majeſty's Reſident in the *Netherlands*, and preſent Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges, therefore, by theſe Preſents, grant full Power and Commiſſion, expreſs Bidding, Mandament and Charge to the ſaid Mr. *Andrew Kennedy*, to tranſact and conclude with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, in the expreſs Terms of the Thirty-nine Articles agreed upon by the Committee, and extended in a Contract, ſubſcribed by the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh* in Name of the Committee, firm and ſtable, holding all that ſhall be tranſacted and agreed upon by the ſaid Mr. *Andrew Kennedy*, in the Terms above mentioned, and no otherways; and that the ſaid Mr. *Andrew Kennedy* acquaint the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, from time to time, what Progreſs he has done therein. And ordain thir Preſents to be ſigned by *Æneas MacLeod* Town-Clerk of *Edinburgh*, and general Clerk to the Royal Burrows; and the Common Seal of the ſaid City of *Edinburgh* to be affixed thereto, whereanent thir Preſents ſhall be his Warrant. Extracted

The Seal on red Wax, covered with a Piece of Paper.

ÆNEAS MACLEOD.

And

And in like Manner the Court of *Wet en Raad*, Law and Council of the Town of *Campvere*, for furthering of a Work of ſo great Profit and Advantage to this Town, after communicating with his Majeſty the King of *Great Britain*, as Marquis of *Campvere*, and by the Intervention of the noble and high-born Lord *William* of *Naſſau*, Lord of *Odyk*, &c. firſt, and repreſenting the firſt Nobility, at the Meeting of the Noble and Mighty Lords the States of *Zealand*, &c. as Commiſſioner from his ſaid Majeſty the King of *Great Britain*, as Marquis of *Campvere*, by ſpecial Authorization, dated the 5th *October* 1697, did commiſſionate from them the Honourable Heer *Joan de Mauregnault*, Deputy-Counſellor of the Noble and Mighty States, and of the Admiralty of *Zealand*, &c. the Heer Mr. *Adriaan Verelſt*, firſt Ruling Burgomaſter of the Town of *Campvere*, &c. and the Heer Mr. *Charles Zegers* Penſionary of the ſaid Town, with full Power, ſpecially on their Behalf, and in their Name, to confer, diſcourſe, treat, and conclude concerning the *Scots* Staple, with the Honourable Heer *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, Reſident of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation there, and Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, anent the continuing and eſtabliſhing of the *Scots* Staple Court within the ſaid Town

of

of *Campvere*: And thereafter their Honours the Magiſtrates have in particular, for meeting, treating, and concluding of the foreſaid *Scots* Staple Contract, commiſſionated and deputed the ſaid *Heer* Mr. *Adriaan Verelſt*, firſt Ruling Burgomaſter of *Campvere*, (ſupplying the Place of the Honourable *Heer Joan de Mauregnault*, and the Penſionary *Charles Zegers* above named) of which reſpective Commiſſions the Copies here follow.

Here follows the Copy of his Majeſty's Commiſſion to the Lord of Odyk.

HIS Majeſty of *Great Britain*, being informed that the Term of the laſt Contract of the eſtabliſhed Staple Court of the *Scots* Nation, in his Majeſty's Town of *Campvere*, made and begun in the Year 1675, is now towards the expiring, and therefore, a further Treaty for renewing of the ſame being neceſſary, has found good to commiſſionate and authorize, and hereby doth commiſſionate the Lord *William* of *Naſſau*, Lord of *Odyk*, and repreſenting his Majeſty's Place, as firſt Noble in *Zealand*, in Name and Behalf of his Majeſty, to proceed to the renewing and perfecting of the ſaid *Scots* Staple Contract, with the Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Nation, *&c.* and thoſe of the Town of *Campvere*, exactly obſerving all that therein ſhall be found requiſite for preſerving his Ma-

jeſty's Right and Prerogative. Acted at *Loo*, the 5th *October* 1697.

WILLIAM *R.*

His Majeſty's Cachet or Seal, or a red Wafer covered with a Piece of Paper.

By his Majeſty's Order,

W. V. Schuylenburgh.

Here follows the Commiſſion to the Counſellor Joan de Mauregnault *Burgomaſter*, Adriaan Vereliſt, *and the Penſionary* Charles Legers, *commiſſionate together from the Town of* Campvere.

BE it known to all and every one whom it may concern, That we Baillies, Burgomaſters, Schepens and Council of the Town of *Campvere*, have commiſſionate and deputed, and do commiſſionate and deputate, by theſe Preſents, the Honourable *Heer Joan de Mauregnault*, Deputy-Counſellor of the Noble and Mighty States, and of the Admiralty of *Zealand*, &c. the *Heer* Mr. *Adriaan Vereliſt*, firſt Ruling Burgomaſter of this Town of *Campvere*, &c. and the *Heer* Mr. *Charles Legers*, Penſionary of the foreſaid Town, ſpecially on our Behalf, and in our Name, to treat and conclude, concerning the *Scots* Staple, with the Honourable *Heer Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, Reſident of his Majeſty of *Great Britain* for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation there, and

and Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, for re-eſtabliſhing the Staple within this Town, come hither for that End; and in all their Conferences upon the Affairs concerning the foreſaid Town, and *Scots* Court, to endeavour to the utmoſt of their Power the Service of thoſe of the foreſaid Nation, and the Indwellers of this Town, ſo as they in Reaſon and Equity ſhall judge and find convenient, and the preſent ſhall ſupply the Place of the abſent Commiſſioners. In Teſtimony of the Truth, we have cauſed ſeal and confirm this with our Town's Seal, and the ſame to be ſubſcribed by the Clerk, upon the 23d *May* 1697.

The Town's Seal ſtamped on green Wax, covered with a Piece of Paper.

(*abſente ſecretario*)

HEKELBEKE.

1697.

Here follows the laſt and particular Commiſſion of the Honourable Magiſtrates of Campvere, *given to the foreſaid Burgomaſter* Adriaan Verelſt.

BE it known to all and every one whom it may concern, and to whom theſe ſhall be ſhown, That we Baillies, Burgomaſters, Schepens and Council of the Town of *Campvere* in *Zealand*, have commiſſionate and deputed, and, by theſe Preſents, do commiſſionate and deputate the Heer *Adriaan Verelſt*, firſt Ruling Burgomaſter of this Town, on our Behalf, and in our Name, (ſupplying the Place of the

the Honourable *Heer* the Counſellor *Joan de Mauregnault*, Deputy-Counſellor of the Noble and Mighty Lords the States and Admiralty of *Zealand*, and the *Heer* Mr. *Charles Legers*, Penſionary of this Town, who were formerly commiſſionate together by us, for the *Scots* Affairs, conform to Commiſſion given thereanent, dated the 23d *May* 1697) to tranſport himſelf to the *Hague*, or elſe where it ſhall be needful, and in our Name, beſides the Noble and High-born Lord, the Lord *William* of *Naſſau*, Lord of *Odyk*, &c. firſt, and repreſenting the firſt Nobility, at the Meeting of the Noble and Mighty Lords the States of *Zealand*, &c. as Commiſſioner of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, as Marquis of *Campvere*, to treat, agree and conclude, concerning the *Scots* Staple, with the Honourable *Heer Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, his ſaid Majeſty's Reſident for the Kingdom of *Scotland* in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation there, as Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, anent the continuing of the *Scots* Staple in this Town; and in all his Honour's Treatings upon the Affairs concerning the foreſaid Town and *Scots* Nation, to endeavour to the utmoſt of his Power, beſt Service of thoſe of the foreſaid Nation, Town of *Campvere*, and Indwellers thereof, ſo as he in Reaſon and Equity ſhall judge and find convenient, and generally to do all Things he ſhall think needful

ful for effectuating the Staple Contract, even as if we ourſelves being preſent could or might do, although there were need of another and more ſpecial Power and Charge than is contained in theſe preſent Letters; promiſing ſincerely and faithfully to agree to, and hold as firm and obligatory, all that ſhall be done, promiſed and agreed to by the ſaid Burgomaſter *Verelſt*, and to grant our Act of Ratification of the ſame, within the Time that thereto ſhall be prefixed. In Teſtimony of the Truth, we have confirmed theſe Preſents with the Town's Seal, and the ſamen is ſubſcribed by the Clerk, the 20th Day of *November* 1697.

The Town's Seal on green Wax covered with a Piece of Paper.

FRANC DE MEY.

And both Parties, by vertue of their reſpective Commiſſions before inſert, having had ſeveral Conferences together, both in the Town of *Campvere* and at the *Hague*, they have laſtly agreed on the following Articles:

ART. I. *Imprimis*, That for keeping and preſerving of the ſtrict Alliance and Friendſhip, which (by GOD's Providence) is made between his moſt ſacred Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and the Lords the States General of the United *Netherlands*, and for the long Enjoyment of the Fruits of ſo happy a Peace, the Magiſtrates of this City, in all Things according to their Power, upon all Occaſions, ſhall

ſeriouſly give a juſt and real Demonſtration of their true Affection to his Majeſty's Royal Perſon, Authority and Government, and of their conſtant Inclinations to the Welfare and Tranquillity of his Majeſty's Kingdoms and Dominions, and in particular of his Majeſty's Kingdom of *Scotland*; and, to make the ſamen manifeſt, the ſaid Magiſtrates ſhall, as far as is in their Power, obſtruct and hinder the buying or ſelling of all manner of Ammunition of War, Weapons offenſive and defenſive, by, or to the Behoof of any Fugitives, Rebels, Enemies, or others, diſaffected to his Majeſty's Royal Perſon and Government: As alſo, ſo far as in them lyes, to hinder the printing and publiſhing of all ſeditious Books and Pamphlets within their Juriſdiction; and alſo, the tranſporting of them to any of his Majeſty's Dominions; and if, at any Time hereafter, the ſame ſhall be diſcovered by the Conſervator, or his Depute, and Information given to the ſaid Magiſtrates thereof, they ſhall cauſe puniſh ſpeedily the Perſons ſo offending, (being found within their Juriſdiction) according to their Demerits.

II. That there ſhall be a firm Correſpondence and Agreement betwixt the Royal Burrows of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere*, with Approbation of his Royal Majeſty as Marquis of *Campvere*, or his Commiſſioners, for the Eſtabliſhment of the *Scots* Staple Court within the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, for the Space of Twenty-one Years after

after the Date hereof ſixt, and, after the Expiration of the ſame, for ſo much longer as ſhall thereafter be agreed upon by the Royal Burrows and Town of *Campvere*; but the Contract ſhall take its Effect, with the concluding and ſubſcribing of the ſame by the Commiſſioners on both Sides, and there to enjoy the Privileges and Immunities mentioned in the following Articles, with all other Privileges formerly granted by this Town by ancient Contracts, eſpecially that of the Year 1612, (except in ſo far as it may be innovate by this Agreement, or by what may be agreed upon hereafter) for the further Encouragement of the ſaid Intercourſe of Trade, and that the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Campvere* ſhall give publick Aſſurance, that, during the whole Time of this Agreement, the ſaid Conſervator, and all others having Dependence upon the ſaid Staple Court, may have a free and ſafe Conduct and Protection within this Town, and that they, with their Families and Goods, may peaceably dwell and negotiate there, and in the Juriſdiction thereof.

III. In regard that all Staple Commodities, that come from the Kingdom of *Scotland*, are the natural Product of that Country, moſt Part of them unmanufactured, by which Means the Town of *Campvere*, and other Towns of the Provinces, have the Conveniency and Advantage of reducing the ſaid Commodities into ſeveral Manufactures fit for Uſe, whereby they reap

reap a greater Benefit than the People of the *Scots* Nation: Therefore, it is by this Article agreed, That all the ſaid Staple Commodities may be freely imported to this Town, without paying any Toll or Cuſtom, as is here called, Incoming, Convoy, Licent-money, Vylgelt-money, and Laſt-gelt-money upon any of the *Scots* Ships, or other Veſſels whatſoever belonging to them, and from all other Impoſitions preſent and future; and that all Reſidenters belonging, or anyway depending upon the Staple Court, may be free to uſe and enjoy all the Privileges and Freedoms that the Burghers themſelves do enjoy within the Town and Juriſdiction thereof. And by this Article it is agreed, that the Goods following are and ſhall be repute Staple Goods, and no others, *viz.* All Sorts of Wooll, Woollen and Linen Yarn, all Woollen and Linen Manufactures, Hides and Skins of all Sorts, Plaiding-Kerſeys, *Scots* Cloths, Stockings, Salmon, Tallow, Oil, and all Sorts of Barrel-Fleſh, Pork, Butter, and Leather, dreſſed and undreſſed: As alſo, in reſpect Salmon is ſuch a tender and periſhable Commodity, it is hereby declared, That ſuch Quantities thereof as come from *Scotland* to *Campvere*, after the firſt of *October* yearly, the ſamen ſhall not ly longer there, than to the firſt of *November* next following; and in caſe Salmon come after the firſt of *November*, that the Owners, after unloading of the ſame Salmon, (being put in Pack-houſes or Cellars)

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after making a due and publick Offer of Sale within *Campvere*, ſhall have Freedom to go with the ſaid Salmon where they pleaſe, and to tranſport the ſame where they may have beſt Sale therefor, without paying any other thing but the Conſervator's Dues. And ſiclike, it is hereby declared, that Stockings being a Commodity that is not frequently vended at the Staple Port, it ſhall be leiſom to the Merchant, Owner thereof, (in caſe there be no Opportunity to ſell the ſame, after that firſt an Offer of Sale is made duly and publickly, within two Months after importing the ſame to *Campvere*) to tranſport the ſame to any other Port where they may have beſt Sale therefor, and that without Payment of any Impoſts, except the Conſervator's Dues allenarly.

IV. That the Lord Conſervator, without Let, Hinderance or Moleſtation, may exerciſe Juriſdiction in all Caſes, Civil and Criminal, over the Perſons and Goods of all thoſe who belong to the *Scots* Staple; as alſo over all others of the *Scots* Nation already dwelling, or which ſhall hereafter dwell, remain or lodge within the Town of *Campvere*, or Freedom thereof; ſo that no Magiſtrate or Judge of this Town ſhall have Power to determine in or upon any Queſtion or Difference, Civil or Criminal, at any Time happening between two of the *Scots* Nation, but the Caſe ſhall be only pleaded, adjudged, and by definitive Sentence determined by the Court of the Conſervator,

and that without Contradiction or Appeal: And in caſe of Incivility, Contention, Oppoſition or Reſiſtance, the ſaid Magiſtrates of *Campvere* ſhall afford the Conſervator, or his Depute, all Help and Aſſiſtance to bring the Offender to uſual and deſerved Puniſhment; and that all Acts, Ordinances, Sentences, and Decreets made and given in the Conſervator's Court, as alſo all Certificates and Letters Teſtimonial, given, acknowledged and granted under the Hand of the Conſervator, or his Depute and Secretary, with the Office-Seal thereto affixed or appended, ſhall be holden and eſteemed, in all Caſes, either Civil or Criminal, as obliging, legal and authentic, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any other given and granted by the Magiſtrates or Judges of this Town, in Caſes belonging to their Juriſdiction: And a Liſt ſhall be given within ſix Weeks, after the Approbation of this Contract, of ſuch Perſons as live under the *Scots* Court, or thereafter ſhall come to live from time to time.

V. If any Queſtion or Action Civil ſhall fall out between any of the *Scots* Nation, and any of the Inhabitants of this Town of *Campvere*, either Native or Stranger, in that Caſe the Plaintiff, or firſt Complainer, he being a *Scotſman*, ſhall be obliged, firſt of all, to apply himſelf to the Conſervator, or his Depute, and being a *Dutchman*, to the Magiſtrates, that there may be Arbitrators nominate over the Buſineſs in queſtion; and the ſaid Conſervator, together

together with the Magiſtrates, ſhall, upon either Side yearly, name three Arbitrators, the preſent to include the abſent, that may freely cognoſce, arbitrate and determine upon the ſaid Differences; and the Sentence and Decreets to paſs by them, upon the Agreement or willing Submiſſion of the Parties, ſhall be holden as valid to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were paſt in Judgment before the Magiſtrates of this Town, or Conſervator's Court; and that all ſuch Decreets and Sentences arbitral, ſo given, ſhall with all Expedition be put in Execution, according to the Privileges of this Town, and Laws of the Country: But in caſe the ſaid Arbiters be equal in their Voice one againſt another, the Caſe being referred to their Determination, then the ſaids Arbitrators ſhall chuſe an Umpire that may pronounce the arbitral Sentence; and if the ſaid Parties will not agree, then the Caſe may be brought before the Judges of this Town, to be determined in Preſence and with the Advice of the Conſervator, or his Depute, within fourteen Days after that full Probation is made of the Cauſe; and if it ſhall happen, that any of the *Scots* Nation ſhall have to do before the Lords, States, or Council of *Zealand*, the Lords of Admiralty, or Town-Council of *Middleburgh*, whether it be for ſtaying of their Ships, confiſcating of their Merchandiſe, or any other Cauſe whatſoever, in that Caſe, the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere* ſhall be

obliged

obliged to cauſe aſſiſt them by their Penſionary, or ſome other of their Council, to the End that thoſe of the *Scots* Nation may be well uſed, and as much favoured as any of their own Burgeſſes: And the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* are obliged, on all Occaſions, to give all dutiful Aſſiſtance to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, even and in the ſame Manner as their Honours are obliged to do to their own Burgeſſes and Indwellers.

VI. To the end, that the People of the *Scots* Nation be not fruſtrate of the Word of GOD, and Exerciſe of the Reformed Religion, in their own proper Language, the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere* ſhall hereby be obliged, within a Year after ſubſcribing hereof, to take care that the old burnt Church be rebuilt, or otherways, within two Months, to accommodate the *Scots* Nation with a fit Place wherein to exerciſe their Religion, and to furniſh the ſame with all Neceſſaries requiſite to the due Order, and right Adminiſtration of GOD's Service, and Exerciſe thereof, according to the Doctrine, Service and Diſcipline, acknowledged, practiſed, and by Law eſtabliſhed within the Kingdom of *Scotland*; as alſo a fitting Church-yard, where the Dead of that Nation, and none other (without the Conſent of the Conſervator, or his Depute, firſt obtained) may be buried, together with ſuch Place in the Church, as by the Conſervator, or his Depute, ſhall be thought fit, the ſaid Church or

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Place, and Church-yard, to be keeped in due Reparation at the Charges of the Town, and to be exempted from any Ground-right, which may be pretended to be paid, for burying within or without the Church, and to have the Liberty to bury their Dead at any time of the Day or Night, at their Pleaſure, without paying any Fine for the ſame: And whereas thoſe of the *Scots* Nation have (ſince the Time their Church was burnt) employed, for exerciſing GOD's Service, the Houſe belonging to the *Scots* Poor, ſtanding in the *Winegaert* Street; and that it was the Duty of the Magiſtrates to have provided them of a Church, yet it is hereby agreed, that, for the Rent of the ſaid Houſe, and Reparation done thereto, nothing ſhall be pretended, the ſame being hereby diſcharged; but, in lieu thereof, the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* undertake and promiſe to pay the yearly Stent impoſed upon the ſaid Houſe and Tenement, and that for the Space of the enſuing twenty-one Years, which is the Time of this Contract; and, in like Manner, the Stents of all Years that are paſſed ſince the burning of the foreſaid Church, till the Date of the Ratification of this Contract: And, moreover, that the Obligations belonging to the *Scots* Poor, and at preſent in the Cuſtody of the Town of *Campvere*, ſhall forthwith be delivered over to the Lord Conſervator, and to Mr. *Thomas Hogg* preſent Miniſter of the *Scots* Nation, with Payment of all the Intereſt that has been

received,

received ſince the very firſt Time that thoſe Obligations came into the Hands of the Honourable Magiſtrates. Which Delivery of the ſaid Obligations, and bygone Intereſt, the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* have performed to the foreſaid Lord Conſervator, and Miniſter of the *Scots* Nation, conform to the Accompt current of the ſame, and wherefore the ſaid Conſervator, and Miniſter have given Acquittance. As alſo, to have a Miniſter, Precentor and Clerk, for the Service of the ſaid Staple Church, according to their reſpective Callings. And the ſaid Miniſter being duly admitted, the Town ſhall provide, that the Miniſter ſhall receive his yearly Salary and Maintenance, in the ſame Manner as it is now paid; and that they ſhall uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to obtain for, and cauſe be paid a fit Salary to the Precentor and Clerk; and if it ſhall ſo happen that the foreſaid Congregation ſhall ſo increaſe, that it ſhould be found neceſſary to have a ſecond Miniſter for Aſſiſtance, his Maintenance ſhall be at the Charge of the *Scots* Nation.

VII. For the better preventing and eviting of all Perils and Dangers that may be in the incoming to this Port, the Magiſtrates are hereby obliged to entertain continually the Marks, Beacons, Tuns and Buoys, at the Entry of, and within the Channel leading to this Town, in all Places where it ſhall be found needful; and alſo, that knowing and experienced Pilots and Pinkmen be appointed to bring

bring in and out the Ships belonging to the *Scots* Staple (at the Charge of the Employers) in ſtormy, miſty and dark Weather; and as oft as the ſaid Pilots ſhall be employed and made uſe of, but not otherways in any ſort, their Salaries ſhall be paid, conform to the Regulation, in ordinary Occaſions, made by the Magiſtrates, together with the Conſervator, or his Depute; and if, through Tempeſt or ſtormy Weather, any Ship of the *Scots* Nation be in Danger, and for their Safety the Skipper be compelled or neceſſitate to promiſe to the Pilots any exorbitant Pilotage by them required, for inbringing of the ſaid Ships, in that Caſe the Skipper, when arrived, ſhall not be obliged to pay all that was promiſed, but the Magiſtrates of this Town ſhall moderate the ſamen conform to Equity and Reaſon, whereby all Extortion, in ſuch Caſes, may be prevented.

VIII. To the Intent the Ships of the *Scots* Nation, coming to the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, may be well accommodate with a large and ſpacious Haven and Key, for the keeping, lying and livering of the ſaid Ships and Goods, the Magiſtrates are hereby obliged to appoint for them the whole Key wherewith the *Scots* Ships have been ſerved in time bygone, from the great Bridge till oppoſite to the Houſe of the Heer *Bailiw de Konink*, formerly the Houſe called the *Oliphant*, and that the ſame be keeped free only for the Uſe of thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, provided with Pales

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or Posts, Crans, good Help and Assistance of Boats, Duc-boats and Lighters, especially in time of Frost; and, when Ships cannot come to the Haven, that there be appointed a good Number of Sledges, Waggons, and Labourers for the timely loading and unloading of their Ships and Goods, which Labourers Hire shall be regulate by the Conservator and Magistrates of this Town: And if it shall so happen, that the Haven, so provided by the Magistrates, be not sufficient to contain all the Number of the *Scots* Ships that shall happen to come, in that Case the Magistrates shall cause accommodate them with so much more Place as shall be needful, by causing their Haven-master remove all other Ships from the Shore, to the End there may no Controversy fall out betwixt the Mariners of the *Scots* Nation, and those of other Nations. And the Magistrates shall take such Order, in this Point, that those of the *Scots* Nation may have no Cause to complain; and the Haven-master shall be ordained by the Magistrates to keep the saids Havens and Keys void and clear, that the Ships of the *Scots* Nation may commodiously load and unload, without Hinderance or Molestation: The Haven-master shall likeways take care, that, on all Occasions, when the *Scots* Ships are coming in or going out, the Haven shall be patent and open to them without any Impediment. And if the Shore-masters, or any in their Name, at any time, shall maliciously cast, loose, or cut any

any Cable or Rope, upon the Shore, of any of the *Scots* Ships, he ſhall be puniſhed therefor by the Magiſtrates, at the Sight of the Conſervator or his Depute: And if the Magiſtrates or Shore-maſter fail in any of this Article, the Magiſtrates to be liable for all Coſt and Skaith incurred thereby.

IX. That the Merchants of the *Scots* Nation, coming to this Town, may, in their Negotiations, be well ſerved with Pioneers, Labourers and Workmen, and with Cellars, Warehouſes and Lofts, at reaſonable Prices to be paid by the ſaid Perſons; and, in caſe any Burgher or other Inhabitant ſhall demand of the ſaid Merchants unreaſonable Hire, the Magiſtrates of the City ſhall moderate the ſame, and the Hire of the Labourers and Workmen ſhall be paid according to the Rates that ſhall be agreed on by the Magiſtrates and Conſervator, whereof a Liſt for that End ſhall be made and publiſhed, *viz.* for the Sledges, Waggons and Workmen, alſo of the Skippers of Ships and Scouts that ſhall go with any Goods from the Town to *Middleburgh*, or any other Place within the Seventeen Provinces, which the Skippers, Labourers and Workmen, ſhall be holden inviolably to obſerve and keep, conform to the Tenor of the ſame; and the Skippers of the Ships and Scouts to be liable for any Damage ſuſtained betwixt *Middleburgh*, or any other Place, and *Campvere*, occaſioned by their Default: And all Merchandiſe and

Goods, livered out of the ſaids Ships, ſhall be carried and tranſported off the Shore in Winter, before three Hours Afternoon, and in Summer before ſix Hours Afternoon. And if any of the ſaid Labourers or Workmen ſhall commit any Incivility, by Word or Deed, to any Merchants, Factors, Skippers, Mariners, or other Perſons belonging to the *Scots* Staple, the Magiſtrates ſhall forthwith cauſe ſuch to be puniſhed, according to the Demerit of the Fact. And in caſe any of the Goods or Wares belonging to the ſaid Merchants comes to ſuſtain any Damage or Loſs, by the Inadvertency, Wilfulneſs and Delay of the Cranmaſter, his Subſtitutes, or his Servants by him employed for loading and unloading of Ships, the Cran-maſter ſhall be obliged to make good the ſaid Damage and Loſs ſo occaſioned, and, in caſe of Refuſal, ſhall be thereunto compelled by the Magiſtrates; as alſo the Workmen and Sledgemen ſhall be obliged and conſtrained to make good the Damages occaſioned by them.

X. For the better Accommodation of thoſe of the *Scots* Nation within this City, there ſhall be provided for, and given to them, for their Uſe, a good, large and wholeſome Houſe fit for a Conciergery, which Houſe ſhall be free of all Exciſe and Impoſts upon all Sorts of Wine or Beer, and the Houſe-Rent, and Reparation of the ſamen Houſe, ſhall be at the Charge and Expence of the Town of *Campvere*, and the Magiſtrates ſhall ſufficiently repair

pair and dreſs the Houſe, that formerly, to the Date hereof, has been employed and made Uſe of for thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, and which now is in a bad Condition: And in caſe that Houſe, after the Reparation that ſhall be made, will not be found fit for a Conciergery, the Magiſtrates ſhall be obliged to provide, and give another and more fit Houſe for a Conciergery, and to enlarge and accommodate thoſe Houſes, till they be ſufficient and great enough; and if it ſhall be found neceſſary to ſet up another Conciergery, the ſamen ſhall enjoy the like Privileges with the firſt Conciergery, only that the Rent of that Houſe ſhall be at the Charge of the Nation; and what is through Wilfulneſs or Negligence broken within the Houſe, ſhall be to the Charge of the Conciergery.

XI. If it ſhould happen, (which God forbid) that any of the *Scots* Nation belonging to the *Scots* Staple Court, or having Dependence thereon, ſhould, in this Town, or Juriſdiction thereof, commit ſuch a Crime or Fault, for which he ought to be puniſhed capitally, by the Loſs of Life or Limb, in that Caſe, it is by this Article agreed unto, (notwithſtanding of the foreſaid Crime) that his Goods ſhall not in any Sort be liable to Forfeiture or Confiſcation, but the ſame ſhall remain free to his Heirs or Executors, only paying Ten Pounds *Flemiſh*, according to the Privileges granted to the Inhabitants of this Town on ſuch like Occaſion, by the Earls of *Zealand*; and in like Manner,

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all the Goods that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, belonging to any Merchant, Principal or Friend, ſhall not be liable to any Confiſcation, for any Offence by him committed, altho' it were *in crimine læſæ majeſtatis*, of whatſoever kind the ſamen may be, but the ſamen Goods ſhall be holden free, and ſhall be delivered to the right Heirs and Proprietors thereof. And alſo no Perſon, who may be guiltleſs and innocent, ſhall for the Offence, Guilt or Fault of any other, be in anyways arreſted or moleſted in his Perſon or Goods, except he ſhall be found bound and obliged, either in Perſon or Goods, for another.

XII. That no Arreſt on any of the *Scots* Staple, in Perſon or Goods, ſhall be granted, within this Town or Juriſdiction thereof, except after a Sentence given, or that there be good Ground *de fuga*, or that he is to abſent himſelf; and no Sentence being declared, the Magiſtrates ſhall not give Order for Arreſtment, but after that firſt Knowledge thereof is given to the Lord Conſervator, or his Depute, being in the Town; and in caſe the Debt be denied, Caution ſhall be given before his Departure, till that, upon Knowledge of the Matter, the Proceſs may be determined.

XIII. That no Native or Stranger, Burgher of the foreſaid City, or Indweller therein, or Juriſdiction thereof, ſhall have Power or be permitted to trade, deal or traffick, in *Scotland*, in any Goods or Merchandize, which are already

ready declared Staple Commodities, or ſhall hereafter be declared ſuch, by bringing them over themſelves, or cauſing others bring them, upon the Penalty of having the ſaid Goods confiſcated, *toties quoties*, by the Magiſtrates of the Town; and if any Perſon of the *Scots* Nation ſhall be found, in their Name, to cover, conceal or negotiate for the above ſaid Perſons, they ſhall be be puniſhed by the Conſervator or his Depute, according to the Laws and Cuſtoms of the Staple Court: And it is, by this Article, further agreed, that no Perſon of the *Scots* Nation may be made free Burgher of this Town, without Knowledge and Conſent of the Conſervator, or his Depute; and theſe who are already Burghers ſhall, in no manner of Way, be favoured to trade in Staple Goods, until ſuch Time as they have quitted their Right of Burgherſhip, and thereafter be legally admitted and declared by the Conſervator, or his Depute, as Members of the *Scots* Staple Court, upon the Penalty above expreſt; neither ſhall any Indweller in this Town be admitted under the Staple Court, without the Knowledge and Conſent of the Magiſtrates.

XIV. And for the better Encouragement of the Navigation and Trade of the *Scots* Nation, it is by this Article agreed, that, in caſe any Ship, or Ships, belonging to them, be robbed, ſpoiled or taken at Sea, by any Inhabitant or others, holding themſelves under the Juriſdiction of the Province of *Zealand*, the Magiſtrates

ſtrates of the foreſaid City ſhall hereby be obliged to endeavour, according to their Power, that all ſuch Ships or Goods be again reſtored, with their entire Loading, or what ſhall be ſo robbed or taken; or elſe cauſe full Satisfaction be given to the Perſon or Perſons ſo wronged, proportionally to the right Value thereof, and ſhall cauſe the Delinquents to be puniſhed, according to the Nature of the Offence; but if ſo be that the Offender dwell under another Juriſdiction, then the Magiſtrates ſhall be obliged, by their Penſionary or others, to require the Reſtitution and Satisfaction for the ſaid Damage, and that at the Coſt and Charge of the Town; and further, that all Goods of Ships caſt away, belonging to the Merchants and Factors of the *Scots* Staple, that ſhall be ſaved by any Inhabitant, or other Perſon holding themſelves under the Juriſdiction of this Town, or any Way concealed, or made away by them in any Sort, then the Magiſtrates are hereby obliged to uſe their Power and Authority, to the end the ſaid Goods, or the Value thereof, may be forthcoming to the right Owner, and the Perſons ſo offending to be ſeverely puniſhed for ſuch their Concealment and unjuſt Detention: And alſo, in Caſe the ſaid Goods ſhall happen to be taken up, concealed or embezzled, by any Perſon or Perſons living without the Juriſdiction of this Town, the Magiſtrates ſhall uſe their beſt Endeavour to get the ſaid Goods, or their

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Value again reſtored to the right Owners; and in caſe any Ship or Ships ſhall be in Danger to be caſt away in the Paſſage leading to the Town, that then all poſſible and ſpeedy Help ſhall be employed, at the Coſt of the Owner of the ſame, for their Preſervation.

XV. In caſe any of the Inhabitants here, being addebted to any of the Staple, ſhall come to obtain Letters of Reſpite of Time or *Surety du Corps*, or *Ceſſio bonorum*, theſe of the *Scots* Nation ſhall be favoured, and uſed in the ſame Manner as any other Creditors Indwellers in this Town; and if it ſhall happen that any of the Staple, addebted to any Indweller in this Country, or an Indweller addebted to any of the Staple, come to fail, or otherways, that there be need to appoint a Curator over his Goods, then ſhall the Magiſtrates, together with the Conſervator, chuſe a Curator, *ad opus habentium*.

XVI. For the better ſecuring of the Means of any of the *Scots* Nation that ſhall happen to die in this Town, the Magiſtrates are, by this Article, holden to grant and agree unto theſe of the *Scots* Staple Court, that if any of their Members, happening to die or depart this Life inteſtat, or without making his laſt Will and Teſtament, that then and in that Caſe their Goods and Eſtate ſhall, and muſt fall under the Adminiſtration of the Court of the Conſervator, inſomuch that neither the Magiſtrates, nor the Orphans Court in this Place, ſhall have any

any Thing to do with the ſaid Goods, or Eſtates of the Perſons ſo dying, or exerciſe any Authority thereupon.

XVII. The Magiſtrates do by this Article promiſe and conſent, that the Conſervator, and his Depute may and can uſe the Priſon of this Town at their Pleaſure, furniſhed with all Neceſſaries thereto belonging, in which the Conſervator, or his Depute, may cauſe to be impriſoned, all ſuch Debtors, Offenders, and evil Doers of the *Scots* Nation, which he the ſaid Conſervator, or his Depute, ſhall impriſon, and again ſet at Liberty out of the ſame, at his or their Pleaſure, without Contradiction, or being obliged to give any Information thereof to the Town Magiſtrates, and that the Maſter or Keeper of the Priſon-houſe, or his Officers, be obliged to give all dutiful Aſſiſtance to the foreſaid Conſervator, or his Depute, as often as he or they ſhall be thereunto required.

XVIII. And for the better ſecuring of the Trade of the *Scots* Nation, it is hereby agreed, that the Magiſtrates, upon all convenient and fitting Occaſions, in Time of War and Danger, ſhall procure from the Court of Admiralty in *Zealand*, two well furniſhed Ships of War, not mounted under thirty Guns apiece, that may freely attend in Convoy upon the Ships belonging to the *Scots* Nation to any Place or Places within the River of *Forth*, or any other Place in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, the 1ſt

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of *April* yearly, and the 1*ſt* of *October* thereafter, *O. S.* to be the fixt Time for the ſaid Convoys to attend, unleſs upon ſome Emergencies falling out, that the Conſervator or his Depute acquaint the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* to ſend the ſaid Convoys ſooner or later, which they ſhall be hereby obliged to agree to, and the ſaid Convoy Ships ſhall wait and ſtay there fourteen, or, at fartheſt, twenty Days, for to bring and convoy back the ſaids or any other Ships to this Town and Place: And, the *Scots* Ships being here, the Magiſtrates ſhall uſe all Endeavours, (as they have heretofore done) that they ſhall again return with good Convoys.

XIX. It is by this Article agreed, ſiclike the Magiſtrates of this Town promiſe and condeſcend to cauſe good and ſufficient Watch to be kept on the Streets in the Night-time, eſpecially in thoſe Places where the greateſt Part of the Ware-houſes of the ſaid Staple Court are, and ſhall alſo take care that the Inhabitants and Burghers of this Town ſhall carry and demean themſelves peaceably, and in a friendly Manner, to all the Members of the ſaid Staple Court; and farther, the ſaid Magiſtrates conſent, by theſe Preſents, that theſe of the *Scots* Staple may take into their Service ſuch a Doctor of Phyſick, Chyrurgeon, Barber and Apothecary, as they ſhall think fit, without any Contradiction, who ſhall enjoy all ſuch Immunities and Privileges, as by Right and Cuſtom belongs to the Doctors, Chyrurgeons, and A-

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pothecaries of this Town, and all other Doctors, Chyrurgeons, and Apothecaries, dwelling in this Town, ſhall alſo be freely permitted to practiſe among all ſuch of the *Scots* Nation as reſide here. As alſo the Magiſtrates do promiſe to the Chyrurgeons of the *Scots* Nation a fit and free Dwelling. The Magiſtrates are, by this Article, obliged to provide, and appropriate to the Uſe of thoſe of the *Scots* Staple, a convenient Place for their Merchants and Factors, wherein to air and dry their Sheeps Skins, Hides, or other Goods, which may be in Danger to be damnified by Water or otherways; as alſo to afford thoſe of the *Scots* Nation a convenient Place, within or near this Town, whereunto they may reſort, for their bodily Recreation; and likewiſe Liberty and Freedom to the Conſervator, his Depute, Court Officers, Merchants and Factors, to fiſh, ſhoot, hunt, and hawk, in all Places under the Juriſdiction of this Town, without Let, Hinderance or Moleſtation, with the ſame Freedom the Magiſtrates themſelves enjoy.

XX. And in caſe, (as GOD forbid) that, by reaſon of any inteſtine War or Plague, the People of the *Scots* Nation may not, with Security and Safety to themſelves, frequent this Town, then it ſhall be lawful to them to tranſport themſelves, with their Goods and Merchandiſe, freely to any other Town or Place, they ſhall think fit; provided always, they pay

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before their Departure what they ſhall be juſtly addebted to any Inhabitant within this Town: And the Magiſtrates ſhall, by this Article, be obliged to help and aſſiſt the ſaid Nation with Ships, Scouts, and all other Things neceſſary for their Tranſportation, upon their reaſonable Charges. And in like Manner, the Magiſtrates are by this Article holden and obliged, that if in caſe (which GOD prevent) any Difference ſhould ariſe betwixt the King of *Great Britain*, and theſe United Provinces, whereupon Hoſtility and War may enſue, in that Caſe, they are to give ſafe and ſure Protection to all Perſons of the *Scots* Nation for ſix Months Time, after the Publication of the ſaid War, according to the 32d Article of the General Treaty betwixt the King of *Great Britain* and the States General, to the End, that thoſe of the *Scots* Nation may recover and get in the Debts due to them, and alſo pay what they may be owing to any of the Inhabitants here, and thereafter withdraw themſelves to any other Place they ſhall think fit, the Magiſtrates affording them the ſame Aſſiſtance mentioned in the foregoing Part of this Article; and, when the Peſtilence or War is over, ſhall be obliged to bring the Staple again to this Place.

XXI. If any of the *Scots* Nation ſhall happen to marry with any Woman in the *Netherlands*, or within the Town of *Campvere*, and, after the ſaid Marriage, reſide here under the

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Staple Court, the ſaid Woman ſhall be holden to be under the Government of the Laws of *Scotland*, and that ſhe neither ſhall, nor may, by Contract of Marriage, or otherways, detain, keep, or diſpoſe of her Husband's Goods, to the Prejudice of his lawful Creditors; but concerning that ſhe muſt be regulate conform to the foreſaid Laws of the Kingdom of *Scotland*. And likeways, that no Perſon, whether Man or Woman, depending upon the foreſaid Staple, be permitted to diſpone of their Goods by Teſtament, or otherways, contrary to the ſaid Laws of *Scotland*, and Staple Court; and all Tutors and Curators of Children in Minority ſhall alſo be regulate conform to the ſaid Laws.

XXII. And whereas the Trade and Commerce of the *Scots* Nation doth conſiſt not only in the Importation, but alſo in the Exportation of Goods and Merchandiſe from the Provinces, in which alſo the Town of *Middleburgh* may be concerned, 'tis agreed, on that account, that the Magiſtrates of this Town ſhall make the ſamen known to the Magiſtrates of *Middleburgh*, to the End the Conſervator, and others belonging to the Staple Court, may be treated and uſed in that Town with all Kindneſs and friendly Reſpect, and with the ſame Freedom and Immunities, that any free Burgher here may enjoy there.

XXIII. And, for the better Obſervance of the Staple Port, it is by the Royal Burrows agreed to, and in all Sincerity promiſed, likeas

as they hereby promiſe, that no Staple Goods contained in the Liſt made thereof, ſpecified above in the third Article, ſhall be brought to, or ſold in any Harbour or Place of the United Provinces, but to the Staple Port, under the Pain of Confiſcation of all their Goods, and that the Conſervator ſhall be holden and obliged rigorouſly to proſecute and puniſh, and cauſe proſecute and puniſh the Tranſgreſſors, or (if Need be) their Cautioners, without any Connivance, Diſſimulation or Delay, according to the Laws of the Staple Court. And it is by this Article condeſcended on, that the Magiſtrates of this Town ſhall, in the moſt efficacious Manner, make a ſuitable Addreſs to his Majeſty the King of *Great Britain*, as Stadtholder of *Holland*, for interpoſing his Authority, that in caſe any of the *Scots* Nation ſhall import any Staple Goods to any other Town, or Place of the Provinces, beſides the Staple Port, that the reſpective Magiſtrates of theſe Towns or Places may, by his ſaid Majeſty, be obliged to aſſiſt the Conſervator, his Deputy, and other Officers, for bringing theſe of the *Scots* Nation to condign Puniſhment, according to the Nature of the Offence; and in caſe Juſtice cannot be obtained in theſe Towns or Places, in theſe Provinces of the *Netherlands*, then the Conſervator ſhall proſecute and cauſe puniſh the ſaid Perſons, ſo tranſgreſſing in *Scotland*, according to the Ordinances of the Royal Bur-

Burrows, and Acts of Parliament of that Kingdom, ſtatute and ordained for that Effect.

XXIV. Beſides the Species of Wine and Beer which heretofore have been free of Exciſe and other Impoſts, ſo alſo, all the Salt, bought here by any of the *Scots* Nation, ſhall be free of the ſaid Duty, in regard it much concerns Merchandiſe; and for the avoiding of Fraud and Deceit that may happen thereanent, a Billet muſt be taken from the Pachters, under the Pain enjoined to the Inhabitants, by the public Placarts of this Land, and the ſaid Wine and Beer to be carried by the ordinary Wine and Beer Workmen.

XXV. Likewiſe it is agreed, that the Magiſtrates do appoint an Anchor, with a Buoy thereon, to be laid out in the Road before the Haven, whereby Ships belonging to the *Scots* Nation may the more ſafely come into the Road, in caſe of eaſterly and northerly Winds.

XXVI. As alſo, when any of the *Scots* Ships can help or accommodate one another with the Ballaſt from their Ships, the Scoutmen ſhall not be permitted to object againſt the ſame; and they ſhall only demand Payment for ſuch Quantity of Ballaſt as they ſhall be ordered to bring aboard, and not more, providing that it be no leſs than ſix Laſt at one Time.

XXVII. And that all Skippers and Maſters of Ships, as well as the Reſidenters of the *Scots* Nation, are hereby holden to be free of

the Exciſe of the Wine, Beer and Salt, and to have conſtantly Billets given them, without paying any thing for the ſame.

XXVIII. That the Magiſtrates ſhall, every Year in *January*, cauſe aſſemble the Cran-maſters, Weighers, Meaſurers, Workmen, and other Perſons, with whom thoſe of the *Scots* Staple ſhall have to do, and ſhall cauſe to read and publiſh before them, all and every the Tables that ſhall be agreed upon for the Hire and Salaries that may be demanded by the ſaid Perſons; and alſo to cauſe read any Part of theſe Articles wherein the above-mentioned Perſons may be concerned, to the End they may the better know how to regulate themſelves therein, and give all ready Obedience thereto; and, in Caſe any Perſon ſhall contraveen the ſame, they are to be puniſhed by the Magiſtrates, according to the Demerit of the Offence.

XXIX. And whereas it will be neceſſary, that the ſaid *Scots* Staple Court ſhould be provided and furniſhed with faithful and fitting Meſſengers, Officers and Servants, and alſo with Brokers, Weighers and Meaſurers, that therefore, the Magiſtrates of this Town, with the Knowlege of, and friendly Deliberation with the Lord Conſervator, ſhall chuſe and place ſo many good, honeſt and knowing Perſons as may be requiſite for theſe Offices; and they ſhall be choſen as well out of the *Scots* Nation, as Inhabitants of this City; all which Perſons, ſo admitted, are to give the Oath of Fidelity

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before the Magiſtrates of this Town, and alſo before the Conſervator, for doing Right both to Buyer and Seller: The Magiſtrates are likewiſe obliged to have in their Weigh houſe or Balance, Iron Weights that may be conform to the Weights of *Amſterdam*.

XXX. The Conſervator and his Depute may fully and freely enjoy all ſuch Exemptions, Immunities, Privileges and Prerogatives, as by Law and Cuſtom belong to the Conſervatorſhip, in as ample Manner and Form, as ever any former Conſervator had and enjoyed on all Occaſions; and alſo the *Scots* Nation ſhall enjoy Freedom and Exemption from Exciſe and Impoſt upon Wine, Beer, and all other Sorts of Drink, ſo as the foreſaid Nation has enjoyed, conform to old Contracts; and particularly it is agreed on, that every Maſter of a Family of the *Scots* Nation living under the Staple Court, *viz.* the Miniſter, the Factors, the Members of the Court, ſuch as the Clerk, Fiſcal and Officer, the Doctor, Chyrurgeon and Apothecary, the Broker, Metſter, Precentor and Clerk, *&c.* ſhall have the Freedom and Exemption from Payment of Exciſe, and other Impoſts upon Wheat, Turf, Wood, Coals and Soap, ſo as they formerly have had; and the Conciergery-houſe ſhall be free of Exciſe and Impoſt on all Vivers and Firing, and all that is above-written: Likewiſe the ſaid Nation ſhall not be obliged to pay any thing for going out and coming in at the Town Ports by Evening,

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nor either to go to watch, nor training, nor to pay any Money for the Freedom thereof, whether by Compoſition or otherways: Likeways the ſaid Nation ſhall be free from quartering or lodging of Soldiers in their Houſes. And it is expreſsly agreed on, that the foreſaid Freedoms, Rights and Privileges ſhall be enjoyed by the Widows of the above ſaid Perſons, ſo long as they continue Widows and unmarried; and if any of the above Perſons have Occaſion, as their Conveniency requires, to kill one or more Beaſts for their Uſe, they may freely do the ſame, making it known to ſome of the Magiſtrates, or their Pachter of the Slaughter Money, without paying any Thing for the ſame.

XXXI. Further, it is mutually agreed and condeſcended on, that if, at any Time hereafter, it ſhall be found convenient, by the Magiſtrates of the Town, or the Conſervator, with Conſent of the Royal Burrows, to amplify and explain any of the foreſaid Articles, or to add to the ſame any other Points, or Articles, which ſhall be found neceſſary for the further Benefit and Advantage of the *Scots* Staple and this Town, beſides theſe Articles which ſtand ſpecified in this Agreement; in that Caſe, the Magiſtrates and the Royal Burrows, with the Will and Conſent of both Sides, ſhall amplify, explain, or add to theſe Articles, as ſhall be found equitable; and the ſame to be holden as as if they were inſert in this Contract.

XXXII. It is alſo mutually agreed, that, for the better Encouragement of the Commerce of the *Scots* Nation within the Town of *Campvere*, the Magiſtrates are hereby bound and obliged to cauſe erect a Bank of Money within this Town, within Half a Year after the Settlement of the Staple Port, whereby the Merchants, Factors and others of the *Scots* Nation may be furniſhed, from Time to Time, with ſuch Sums of Money as they may have Occaſion for, upon Security to them, by delivering the Merchants Goods to the Factors, giving Security to the Bank, at the reaſonable Rate of an Half *per Cent.* in the Month, and *pro rato* for the Days, Weeks, Months and Years, until the ſame be again paid. It is hereby alſo provided, that, during the Time of War, Money being ſcarce, and at high Rates in the Intereſt, the ſaid Merchants, Factors and others, ſhall be obliged to pay for ſuch Money as they ſhall make uſe of, at ſuch Rates as the Neceſſity of the Times obligeth others to pay; but ſo ſoon as the War is over, then the foreſaid Agreement, at the Rate of Six *per Cent. per annum*, to be and continue in full Force, according to the true Meaning and Intention of this Article.

XXXIII. And if any Perſon, Inhabitant or Burgher of this Town, or any depending upon the Staple Court, of whatſoever Quality or Condition, ſhall be found to have acted or done any thing contrary to this Agreement,

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or any Point or Clauſe therein contained, yet, notwithſtanding, the Agreement mentioned in theſe Articles ſhall not be underſtood to be broken or violated thereby, but the Perſons contraveening (being *Scotſmen*) ſhall be puniſhed by the Conſervator, and, (if a Burgher or Inhabitant in this Town) to be liable to the Puniſhment of the Magiſtrates, according to the Quality of the Offence.

XXXIV. And it is hereby agreed, that if any Diſpute ſhall happen to ariſe, betwixt theſe of the *Scots* Nation, and the Balance Maſter concerning the Right of theſe Goods that are to be ſubject to the Balance, the Balance Maſter ſhall pretend no Dues for any Goods, but for ſuch Goods as ſhall be brought to the Balance, and be by him weighed; and the Merchant ſhall be free to ſell theſe Goods and Merchandize by the Piece, Number or Bulk, without being obliged to bring the ſame to the Weigh-Houſe: And in like Manner, the Cran Maſter ſhall not demand, from the *Scots* Merchants and Factors, Dues for any Goods, but allenarly for ſuch Goods as he ſhall actually unload and liver with the ſaid Cran; declaring hereby, and it is condeſcended to, that there be no more, nor new Offices ſet up, without the Knowledge, friendly Deliberation and Conſent of the Conſervator, or his Depute; and that there be no Comptroller of the Balance in Time coming; nor no new Dues exacted on

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that Acaount, except the ſamen be deſired by the Conſervator and his Court, as above.

XXXV. If any of the *Scots* Nation ſhall, through Miſunderſtanding, Miſtake, Negligence, or any other Cauſe whatſoever, omit to make a right and true Entry of their Goods, to be by them imported or exported, whether in Quantity or Quality, the ſaid Goods ſhall not be liable to any Fine or Confiſcation; only the Perſons, ſo offending, ſhall be obliged to pay the quadruple Duty for the Goods wrong entered or concluded, and ſo the Goods to be free. And the Magiſtrates have undertaken further to deſire, at the Meeting of the States of *Zealand*, that the foreſaid quadruple Duty may be diminiſhed.

XXXVI. In Caſe any Queſtion or Difference illegally, againſt Right and Reaſon, happen to fall out betwixt any of the *Scots* Nation and the Licent-maſter, Cuſtomer, or other Receiver of Toll or other Dues, the ſaid Licent-maſter, Cuſtomer or Receiver are hereby obliged to be heard before the Baliu, Burger-maſter, Scheepens and Council of this Town, to the End the Conſervator, or his Deputy, may have Knowledge thereof, and that ſuch good Order may be ſettled therein, that thoſe of the *Scots* Nation may not be extortioned in the Payment of the ſaid Cuſtoms and other Duties, upon Goods by them imported or exported.

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XXXVII. It is by this Article mutually agreed, That, whenſoever any *Scots* Ships or Veſſels ſhall, by Storm or otherways, be neceſſitate to come to *Campvere*, having aboard Staple Goods, but not of Intention to liver within the Seven United Provinces, in that Caſe they ſhall not be troubled nor moleſted, but ſhall have Liberty to go to their intended Port, without paying any Dues: As alſo, if any Veſſel come to the Staple Port laden with Staple Goods, or other Goods that are not Staple Goods, being only intended to unload a Part at the Staple, and is to go to another Place without the Seven United Provinces, with the Remainder of the Goods, then they are not to be troubled or moleſted, nor to pay any Dues for that which they do not liver; and the Conſent of the Admiralty of *Zealand* thereto muſt be firſt deſired by the Skipper or Merchant.

XXXVIII. It is by this Article mutually agreed and declared, That the Continuance of the *Scots* Staple at *Campvere* ſhall be for the Space of Twenty-one Years, after the Date hereof, fixt; and thereafter ſo much longer as the Royal Burrows and the Town of *Campvere* ſhall agree together; but this Contract ſhall take its Effect with the concluding and ſubſcribing of the ſame by the Commiſſioners on both Sides. And it is hereby alſo declared, That the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* ſhall be obliged to procure from the States of *Zealand*,

land, their Ratification, Approbation and Confirmation of this preſent Staple Contract, with all the Privileges, Juriſdictions and Immunities therein granted to the *Scots* Nation, in ſuch Manner and with the ſame Freedom, in all Reſpects, as the ſamen is to be ratified, approven and confirm'd by the King of *Great Britain*.

XXXIX. Laſtly, In Conſideration of all the foreſaid Articles, the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere*, with Approbation above-mentioned, promiſe to obſerve, without any the leaſt Violation, and cauſe to be obſerved, all the above-mentioned Articles, ſo far as concerns them. Likeways, the State of Burrows do promiſe to obſerve, and cauſe to be obſerved, without any the leaſt Violation, all the above-mentioned Articles, ſo far as concerns them; and alſo promiſe, that, with all Diligence and Faithfulneſs, Order ſhall be taken to inhibit and diſcharge any Ships, of what Bulk ſoever, without Exception, which carry Staple Goods, to come to or frequent any other Port or Haven within the Seven United Provinces of the *Netherlands*, than the foreſaid Town of *Campvere*; and that all Perſons, that ſhall do in the contrary hereof, ſhall be rigourouſly puniſhed as Contraveeners.

All which being thus done and agreed, the Heer *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, Reſident of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, in the Seventeen Provinces of

of the *Netherlands*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation there, as Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* anent the Continuance of the *Scots* Staple in the Town of *Campvere*, by Virtue of his Honour's Commiſſion above inſert, the Lord *William* of *Naſſau*, Lord of *Odyk*, &c. &c. &c. as Commiſſioner of his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain*, as Marquis of *Campvere*, &c. and the Heer Burgomaſter *Adrian Verelſt*, as Commiſſioner of the Honourable Magiſtrates of the aforeſaid Town of *Campvere*, alſo by Virtue of their reſpective Commiſſions before inſert, in Teſtimony of the Truth, have ſubſcribed theſe Preſents with their uſual Subſcriptions, and confirmed the ſame with their Honours Seals, at the *Hague*, the 25th *December*, 1697.

ANDREW KENNEDY. W. DE NASSAU.
A. VERELST.

And the Heer Counſellor *Joan de Maureg-nault*, and the Penſionary *Charles Zegers*, both alſo as Commiſſioners of the Honourable Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere* foreſaid, likeways by virtue of their Commiſſion before inſert, have ſubſcribed theſe Preſents with their uſual Subſcriptions, and confirmed the ſame with their Seals, at *Campvere*, Do. 29th of *March* 1698. *N. S.*

J. MAUREGNAULT. C. ZEGERS.

1698.

Ampli-

Ampliation of the foregoing Staple Contract, conſiſting in theſe following ſeparate Articles.

I. WHereas the Noble and Mighty Lords of the Council, and of the Accompts of his Royal Majeſty of *Great-Britain*'s Domains, at the *Hague*, by a certain marginal Deciſion or Diſpoſition, dated the 13th *December* 1697, upon a preſented Petition, have been pleaſed to find good, and underſtand, that, during the new made *Scots* Staple Contract, a *Scotſman* ſhall be appointed Pachter and Sworn-metſter of the foreſaid Staple Goods, he being obliged yearly to pay and perform all that the former Metſter did pay and perform; it is for the foreſaid Reaſons, by this Article, agreed to, that, during the above mentioned Staple Contract, a *Scotſman*, in manner foreſaid, ſhall be Pachter and Metſter; and that the Magiſtrates (for ſo much as concerns them) ſhall willingly permit, that the chuſing of him be left to the Diſpoſition of the Lord Converſator.

II. It is alſo agreed, that the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere*, by a Miſſive, in the moſt powerful Manner ſhall deſire of his Majeſty of *Great-Britain*, that, by his High and very Great Might, he may be pleaſed to bring to paſs, that the High and Mighty Lords the States General, ratify alſo this Staple Contract, ſo as the ſame, conform to the 38th Article of the foregoing Contract, muſt be ratified by the Noble

Noble and Mighty Lords, the States of *Zealand.*

III. Seeing the Lord Conſervator does ſuppoſe, that after a little Time he may obtain that Lead Ore coming from *Scotland* ſhall be ſent to the Staple Port, providing that the ſame do enjoy the Freedoms and Privileges as all Staple Goods; therefore it is by theſe Preſents agreed, that the foreſaid Lead Ore, (which, in the third Article of the foreſaid Staple Contract, does not ſtand ſpecified among the Staple Goods therein mentioned) ſo ſoon as the ſame ſhall be brought to the Staple Port, ſhall enjoy, in all Reſpects, the Freedoms and Privileges as above.

IV. The Magiſtrates of *Campvere* have hereby undertaken to write a Miſſive to the Royal Burrows, and thereby to ſay, that their Honours, for ſo much as concerns them, ſhall maintain and preſerve the Juriſdiction of the *Scots* Nation, within their Honours Town, during the Time of the foreſaid Staple Contract; in Truſt and Expectation, that the foreſaid Royal Burrows, on their Side, will alſo maintain and preſerve the ſaid *Scots* Staple Contract.

V. It is agreed, That, amongſt the Officers enumerated in the Nineteenth and Thirtieth Articles of the foregoing Staple Contract, there ſhall alſo be holden as ranked a Notar, and that he ſhall enjoy all ſuch Privileges and Freedoms, ſo as by the above mentioned Two Articles (in relation to the Offices therein ſpeci-

fied) is expreſt; and therefore the foreſaid Nineteenth and Thirtieth Articles are hereby for ſo far amplified therewith.

VI. And it is further found good and agreed to, That the Lord Conſervator ſhall enjoy his Lordſhip's yearly Gratuity or *Honorarium*, ſo as the ſame has been enjoyed by former Conſervators his Predeceſſors.

VII. and *laſtly*, The Parties Contracters, on both Sides, have hereby bound and obliged themſelves, to cauſe ratify and approve, ſo ſoon as poſſible, the foreſaid Staple Contract, with all theſe foregoing ſeparate Articles, each, for their own Parts, where the ſaid Contract, with the foreſaid ſeparate Articles, ought to be ratified and approved.

All which being thus done and agreed, the Heer *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, Reſident of his Majeſty of *Great-Britain* for the Kingdom of *Scotland* in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation there, as Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, anent the Continuation of the *Scots* Staple in the Town of *Campvere*, by virtue of his Honour's Commiſſion above inſert, the Lord *William* of *Naſſau*, Lord of *Odyk*, &c. &c. as Commiſſioner of his Royal Majeſty of *Great-Britain* as Marquis of *Campvere*, &c. and the Heer Burgomaſter *Adrian Verelſt*, as Commiſſioner of the Honourable Magiſtrates of the foreſaid Town of *Campvere*, alſo by virtue of their reſpective Com-

Commiſſions before inſert, in Teſtimony of the Truth, have ſubſcribed theſe Preſents with their uſual Subſcriptions, and confirmed the ſame with their Seals, at the *Hague*, the 25th *December* 1697.

ANDREW KENNEDY. W. DE NASSAU.
A. VERELST.

And the Heer Counſellor *Joan de Maureg-nault*, and the Penſionary *Charles Zegers*, both alſo as Commiſſioners of the Honourable Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere* foreſaid, likeways by virtue of their Commiſſion before inſert, have ſubſcribed theſe Preſents with their uſual Subſcriptions, and confirmed the ſamen with their Seals, at *Campvere*, the 29th of *March*, *N. S.* 1698.

J. MAUREGNAULT. C. ZEGERS.

This is a true Copy and juſt Tranſlation of the principal *Dutch* Copy ſigned at *Campvere*, 29th of *March*, N. S. 1698, approven by the Royal Burrows, and ſubſcribed by the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and the Clerk, on the Tail of every Page thereof, as the ſamen is atteſted by *Æneas MacLeod* Clerk to the City of *Edinburgh*, and general Clerk to the Royal Burrows, at *Edinburgh*, the 21ſt of *February* 1699.

Æ. MACLEOD *Cler.*

LETTER

LETTER by King William *to the Royal Burrows.*

WILLIAM R.

RIGHT Truſty and Well-beloved, we greet you well: We were well ſatisfied with your Letter to us, of the 15th of *October* 1696, whereby you ſignify your Reſolution to renew the Staple Contract with the Town of *Campvere*; and, for this End, you had granted a Commiſſion to Sir *Andrew Kennedy* our Reſident in the *Netherlands*: Since which Time we underſtand, that, in Proſecution of this Commiſſion, the foreſaid Contract is ended, and the Staple Court eſtabliſhed in the foreſaid Town, and that thereby there are very advantageous Privileges granted for the Trade and Commerce of that our antient Kingdom of *Scotland*, which we will be careful to have punctually obſerved, and will likeways take care to remove whatever may occaſion any Miſunderſtanding between the Royal Burrows and the ſaid Town of *Campvere*. And, by this Contract, it being agreed, that the ſame ſhall be ratified both by the States of *Zealand*, and by a Convention of our Royal Burrows; and which being already done by the ſaid States, we have therefore appointed your Meeting at this Time, that you may alſo ratify the ſame, and that thereafter we may interpoſe our Authority, and give our Ratification thereof. We have

have frequent Accounts of your Loyalty and Fidelity to us on all Occaſions; and therefore we give you full Aſſurance of our Royal Protection in all your Concerns; and ſo we bid you heartily farewel. Given at our Court at *Kenſington*, the 31ſt of *January* 1698-9, and of our Reign the Tenth Year.

By his Majeſty's Command,
SEAFIELD.

Follows the Ratification of the Staple Contract, 10*th* February 1699.

THE ſame Day the Convention having, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Letter, met, to take under their Conſideration the Commiſſion granted by the Committee appointed for ſettling the Staple Port, by the General Convention holden at *Edinburgh* in *July* 1696, to Sir *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn* Lord Conſervator, with the Articles of Agreement, extended by Way of Contract, paſt betwixt the Royal Burrows and the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, conſiſting of Thirty nine Articles, ſigned by Sir *Archibald Muir* of *Thorntoun*, then Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*; which being fully conſidered by the Convention, together with the principal *Dutch* Contract, ſigned by the Lord Conſervator in Name and Behalf of the Royal Burrows, and by *William Van Naſſau* Lord *Odyk* his Majeſty's Commiſſioner, and by the Commiſſioners of the Town of *Campvere*, together with the States of *Zealand* their Ratification and Approbation of the ſamen,

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the Convention accepts thereof as ſatisfactory, and have ratified, approved and confirmed, and be thir Preſents ratifies, approves and confirms the foreſaid Contract, with the ſeven ſeparate Articles thereto annexed, and ſigned as aforeſaid, in the haill Heads, Articles, Clauſes and Conditions therein contained; and declares the ſaid Staple Port to be fully ſettled at the ſaid Town of *Campvere* for the Space of Twenty one Years, commencing from the Date of the ſaid Contract, being the 25th Day of *December* 1697 Years, *N. S.* diſcharging and hereby diſcharges all Ships and other Veſſels whatſomever, paſſing from this Kingdom with Staple Commodities, to go to any Part within the Seven United Provinces, but to the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, under ſuch Pains and Penalties as are contained in the Acts of Parliament and Burrows, which the Convention, by thir Preſents, renews and revives all and whatſomever, and Statutes made by any former Conventions in favours of the Staple, and that againſt the Breakers and Contraveeners of the ſame; declaring the Generality hereof to be as ſufficient, as if every particular Act, Statute, Penalty and Certification were ſpecially herein expreſſed, whereanent this preſent Convention diſpenſes forever.

WILLIAM R.

WHereas Sir *Andrew Kennedy* of *Clowburn*, our Reſident for the Affairs of our antient Kingdom of *Scotland* in the Seventeen Pro-

Provinces of the *Netherlands*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of that our Kingdom in the Low Countries, hath, by our Commiſſion, (and alſo by Commiſſion from our Royal Burrows, by our Allowance and Royal Approbation) agreed upon Articles with the Commiſſioner authorized by us as Marquis of *Campvere*, and with the Deputies of our Town of *Campvere*, for renewing and ſettling the *Scots* Staple Court, and Trade of that our antient Kingdom within the ſaid Town, which Articles are now approven by our Royal Burrows in *Scotland*; and we being willing to countenance the Trade and Commerce of our ſaid Kingdom, by giving our Royal Aſſent to what ſeemeth moſt advantageous for the ſame; we therefore, by theſe Preſents, ratify and approve of the ſaid Articles, of which the foregoing Copy is ſigned by the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and tranſmitted to us by Direction of our Royal Burrows; by which Articles the *Scots* Staple is renewed, and reſettled in our ſaid Town of *Campvere*, by our ſpecial Allowance. And we appoint, that the ſaids Articles be ſtrictly obſerved, and that the Staple Court be fully reſettled at *Campvere*; and that the antient ſtanding Acts of Parliament, or Acts of Conventions of our Burrows, in favours of the Staple Court and Conſervator, be all declared to be in full Force. And we further ordain the Royal Burrows to make ſtrict Orders, that the Staple be duly obſerved. Given at our Court at *Ken-*

Kenſington, the 28th Day of *March* 1698-9, and of our Reign the 10th Year.

By his Majeſty's Command,
SEAFIELD.

The Ratification of the Noble and Mighty Lords the States of Zealand, *as Sovereigns of the Province, was in like Form granted and exchanged in* 1699.-----*And in* 1718, *the following Articles of Ampliation and Prolongation of the Staple Contract were entered into.*

FOraſmuch as the preſent Staple Contract, betwixt the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* on the one Side, and the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere* on the other Side, made and concluded the 25th of *December* 1697, N. S. for the Term of Twenty-one Years, does expire the 25th of *December* N. S. this preſent Year; and the ſaids Royal Burrows, and Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, finding, that, by a ſalutary Clauſe, the 28th Article of the ſaid preſent Staple Contract, it was agreed and ſtipulate by them, that after the Termination of the ſaid Twenty-one Years, the ſaid Royal Burrows, and Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town, ſhould have Power to continue and prolong the ſaid Staple Contract, for what Term of Years they ſhould agree together. Therefore, to confirm, preſerve and maintain the good Intelligence that has ſo long continued betwixt the ſaid Royal Burrows and Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town, whereby the Subjects

Subjects of *Scotland*, and the Inhabitants of this Town, have, by their Commerce and Navigation, mutually ſo much profited, and for continuing the ſame, and bringing it to a happy Concluſion, the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* have thought fit to commiſſionate and depute *Andrew Kennedy*, Eſq; Agent and Conſul of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, their Commiſſioner and Deputy, for that End, within the Town of *Campvere*. And in like Manner, the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town, have, for the ſame End, commiſſionated and deputed Mr. *Peter Haak Kerkman* Counſellor and firſt Burgomaſter, Mr. *Gerrard de Mauregnault* Counſellor and ſecond Burgomaſter, Mr. *Adrian Verelſt* Counſellor and old Burgomaſter, and Mr. *John Mauregnault* Counſellor and Penſionary of the ſaid Town; which Deputies are reſpectively furniſhed with full Powers, the Copies of which are as follow:

Here follows the Commiſſion of the Royal Burrows to Andrew Kennedy, *Eſq; &c.*

In the General Convention of the Royal Burrows, holden at the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, upon the 11th Day of *July* 1718 Years, by the Commiſſioners therein conveened.

THE which Day, the Convention taking into their ſerious Conſideration, that whereas by the 38th Article of the ſtanding

Staple Contract, entered into betwixt them and the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere*, for the Term of Twenty-one Years, dated at the *Hague*, the 25th of *December* 1697 Years, N. S. that by the ſaid Article it is ſtipulate and agreed, that the Royal Burrows and Town of *Campvere* may prolong and continue the ſaid Contract, after the Expiration of the ſaid Twenty-one Years, for what Term of Years longer they ſhall agree together; and the Convention conſidering of how great Import and Concern the Continuation of the ſaid Staple Contract for Twenty-one Years longer, at the Port of *Campvere*, will prove to the State of Burrows and Trade of this Kingdom, and how neceſſary and expedient it is that ſome diſcreet and well qualified Perſon be employed to treat with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* for that Effect, and being fully perſwaded of the Integrity, Ability and other Qualifications of *Andrew Kennedy*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Agent and Conſul in the *Netherlands*, and preſent Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges, therefore, by theſe Preſents, granted full Power and Commiſſion, expreſs Bidding, Mandament and Charge, to the ſaid *Andrew Kennedy*, to execute and conclude a Prolongation and Continuance, with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, of the ſaid Staple Contract, for the Term of Twenty-one Years longer, after the Expiration of the preſent Staple Contract, firm and ſtable, holding all that ſhall be concluded upon by the ſaid *Andrew Ken-*

Kennedy, in the Terms above-mentioned; and that the ſaid *Andrew Kennedy* acquaint the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, from time to time, what he has done therein; and ordained thir Preſents to be ſigned by Mr. *George Home* Town Clerk of *Edinburgh*, and General Clerk to the Royal Burrows, and the common Seal of the ſaid City of *Edinburgh* to be affixed hereto, whereanent thir Preſents ſhall be his Warrant. Extracted furth of the Records of the Royal Burrows by me

GEORGE HOME.

Here follows the Commiſſion of the Magiſtrates of Campvere, *to the Burgomaſters* Peter Haak Kerkman, Gerrard de Mauregnault, Adrian Verelſt, *and the Penſionary* John Mauregnault.

BE it know to all Men, by theſe Preſents, That we, the Bailluw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens, and Counſellors of the Town of *Vere*, having maturely conſidered, that the Staple Contract, that we made and concluded with the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, on the 25th *December* 1697 Years, *N. S.* for the Term of 21 Years, does expire the 25th *December* this preſent Year, and of how great Neceſſity and Concern a Continuation and Prolongation of the ſame will be to this Town and the Inhabitants thereof, and how that, by the 38th Article of the ſaid Staple Contract, it is ſtipulate

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and agreed by the Royal, Burrows and Magiſtrates of this Town, that they ſhall be at Liberty, after the Termination of the ſaid 21 Years, to continue and prolong the ſaid Staple Contract for what Term of Years longer they ſhall agree together; therefore we have commiſſionated and deputed, likeas we, by theſe Preſents, commiſſionate and depute Mr. *Peter Haak Kerkman* Counſellor and firſt Burgomaſter, Mr. *Gerrard de Mauregnault* Counſellor and ſecond Burgomaſter, Mr. *Adrian Verelſt* Counſellor and old Burgomaſter, and Mr. *John Mauregnault* Counſellor and Penſionary of this Town, ſpecially for us, and in our Name, with *Andrew Kennedy*, Eſq; Agent and Conſul of his Majeſty of *Great Britain* and Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, Commiſſioner and Deputy for the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, come here to handle, conclude and execute a Continuation or Prolongation of the Staple Contract again, for the Term of 21 Years; we hereby firmly promiſing to agree, to approve and ratify all that ſhall be done for us, and in our Name, by our Commiſſioners, by Virtue of this our full Power, and hereby declaring, that it is our Meaning, that the preſent Deputies ſhall include the abſent; in Witneſs whereof we order our Town's Seal to be appended to this our full Power, and Commiſſion and Inſtructions, and the ſame to be ſigned by our Secretary, on the 8*th October* 1718.

HAAK KERKMAN.

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And accordingly both Parties, by virtue of their reſpective Commiſſions before inſert, having had ſeveral Conferences together within this Town of *Campvere*, in Name of the Royal Burrows and Magiſtrates of this Town, have laſtly agreed on the following Articles.

1*mo*, That the preſent Staple Contract, and Articles of Ampliation thereof, of Date 25*th December* 1697, *N. S.* made betwixt the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere* on the one and other Sides, ſhall continue for 21 Years, in all Points, in its full Force, without the leaſt Alteration, according as it ſtands ſettled, except only in ſo far as, by theſe Articles of Prolongation and Continuation, it ſhall be explained or altered.

2*do*, That all *Scots* Ships belonging allenarly to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, and coming from *Scotland* here to the Staple Port to liver, ſhall enjoy Freedom and Exemption of the Paught of all Vivers here, and at their Departure; and with reſpect to the Town's Laſt-money, the paying the ſame ſhall be regulated in ſuch an eaſy Manner, as thoſe of the *Scots* Nation ſhall have Reaſon to be contented with.

3*tio*, When it ſhall happen, that any Merchandiſe, belonging to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, tranſported from this to *Holland*, and there ſeized by a Cuſtom-houſe; in that Caſe the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Vere* oblige themſelves to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours, and

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good Offices to reclaim the ſaid Goods, and get them reſtored to the Owners, in the ſame Manner as they would, or can do, for the Inhabitants of their own Town.

4*to*, Concerning the allowing Salt made in *Scotland* to be a Staple Commodity, and enjoying the Freedom of Cuſtom, *&c.* in the ſame Manner as thoſe mentioned in the third Article of the Staple Contract do, the Magiſtrates undertake to inform themſelves, if it is poſſible for them to allow it, and in caſe it can be, then, for the further Encouragement of thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, it ſhall come to enjoy the ſame Privileges, as other Staple Commodities do, which ſhall be ſo ſettled, in a ſeparate Article of Ampliation after, by itſelf.

5*to*, For the further Encouragement of the Commerce of thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, the Magiſtrates of this Town agree, that Herring cured in *Scotland*, conform to Law there, as alſo all other ſalted and dried Fiſh, coming here to the Staple Port, ſhall be reputed and be Staple Commodities, with the ſame Exemptions and Privileges as the Goods ſpecified in the third Article of the ſaid preſent Staple Contract of the 1697, providing it be in their Power to do it; and they oblige themſelves to do their utmoſt Endeavours they are capable of to obtain theſe Goods to be Staple Goods, and enjoy the Privileges as ſuch.

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6*to*, It is agreed and concluded, That, for the further explaining of the 5th Article of the Staple Contract, that when Arbiters, with Conſent of the Parties contending, and an Umpire are choſen, and thereby not only renouncing any Reduction of the Arbitral Sentence, but likewiſe it ſhall be declared, That they ſhall be willing to ſubmit thereto, in the ſame Manner as it were a Sentence of the *Hoff van Holland*; and that the Sentence of the Arbitrators and Umpire ſhall be final and deciſive, without being ſubject to be reverſed by any ſuperior Judicatory, upon what Pretence ſoever.

7*mo*, The Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Campvere* oblige themſelves, That they ſhall make their utmoſt Application to the States of the Province of *Zealand*, in the firſt Meeting, that a fit Sallary be allowed and paid to the Precentor and Sexton of the *Scots* Church here, at the Staple Port of *Campvere*.

8*vo*, For the further Satisfaction to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, it is, by this Article, concluded and agreed, That, for the better explaining of the 23d Article of the preſent Staple Contract, the Penalty againſt Tranſgreſſors of the Staple, expreſſed in the ſaid Article, ſhall be ſo far limited and altered, that, in Time to come, thoſe carrying Staple Goods by the Staple Port, contrary to the expreſs Agreement of the Staple Contract, ſhall be liable to the Confiſcation only of all their Staple Goods, or the Value of them, inſtead of all their Goods.

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9*no*, It is agreed and concluded, That, whenever any of the *Scots* Nation, through Ignorance, ſhould tranſgreſs the Laws concerning the Paught of any Goods, and in caſe ſuch Goods be challenged, being of a ſmall Value, the Magiſtrates oblige themſelves to protect thoſe of the *Scots* Nation from any vexatious Suits of the Collectors of ſuch Paughts, and, in conformity to the Meaning of the 27th Article of the Staple Contract, there ſhall be no further demanded from thoſe of the *Scots* Nation for Billets or Paughts Briefs, as only two Stivers for Expedition. As alſo, the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town oblige themſelves to give the *Scots* Factors here Toll Briefs, in order to ſending their Merchandiſe faſer to *Holland*, without the ſaid Factors being obliged to take any Oaths cuſtomary on theſe Occaſions.

10*mo*, Further, it is found good and agreed, That the preſent Conſervator ſhall enjoy his yearly Traitament or *Honorarium*, in the ſame Manner as the Conſervators his Predeceſſors have done, and as the ſame ſtands extended in the Ampliations of the Staple Contract in 1697.

11*mo*, That the Conſervator ſhall not employ, in any Offices depending on his Court, any of the Burghers or Inhabitants of this Town, without the previous Knowledge and Conſent of the Magiſtrates of this Town had thereto; but he ſhall be at Freedom to employ any other Perſons that do not live in this Town,

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and ſuch are to enjoy all the Privileges, *&c.* that ſtand ſpecified in the Staple Contract to thoſe of the *Scots* Nation.

12*mo*, It is likeways agreed, That the *Scots* Factors here ſhall have Liberty to hire and freight ſuch ſmall Ships and Scouts, belonging to this Town, they pleaſe, without being bound to obſerve the ordinary Forms of Beurts or Smack Reyſen, and that there ſhall be a Regulation made of their Hires; and, for that End, the Magiſtrates of this Town, together with the Conſervator, ſhall make an Ordinance regulating the Hires to be paid ſuch Skippers.

13*tio*, The Magiſtrates of this Town promiſe to do their Endeavours, in this Article, to the End, that the Letters from *England*, coming for Merchants within this Town, may come directly here in a Packet apart by themſelves.

14*to*, It is by this Article mutually agreed, concluded and declared, That the Continuation and Prolongation of the *Scots* Staple Contract, within this Town of *Vere*, ſhall be for Twenty one Years firmly ſettled, after the Expiration of the preſent Contract, and to continue ſo long after, as the Royal Burrows and Magiſtrates of this Town ſhall mutually agree together, and this Contract of Prolongation and Amplification to take its Effect from the executing and ſigning thereof by the Deputies on both Sides.

And, *Laſtly*, we the Commiſſioners and Deputies of the ſaids Royal Burrows and Ma-

giſtrates of the ſaid Town, by virtue of our reſpective Powers before inſert, in their Names, have cauſed make two original Inſtruments, and ſigned the ſame with our ordinary Subſcriptions, and thereto affixed our Seals, within the ſaid Town of *Vere*, upon the 24th Day of *December* 1718 Years.

ANDREW KENNEDY. P. HAAK KERKMAN.
G. DE MAUREGNAULT A. VERELST.
J. DE MAUREGNAULT. 1718.

FOraſmuch as a Contract betwixt the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* on the one Side, and the Burgomaſters and Counſellors of *Campvere* on the other Side, was, by their reſpective Commiſſioners, made and concluded on the Twenty fifth Day of *December*, Sixteen hundred and ninety ſeven, N. S. for the Space of Twenty one Years, concerning the Prerogatives, Freedoms and Immunities, which thoſe of the *Scots* Nation enjoy within the ſaid City, and ratified and confirmed by his Majeſty King *William* III. of glorious Memory, as King of *Scotland*, and by their Noble Mightineſſes the States of *Zealand*; which Staple Contract expiring the Twenty fifth Day of *December*, Seventeen hundred and eighteen, the ſame was, upon the Twenty fourth of that Month of *December*, Seventeen hundred and eighteen Years, amplified, continued and prolonged for a like Space of Twenty one Years: Which laſt Prolongation is again to expire on the Twenty

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fifth of *December*, Seventeen hundred and Thirty nine Years; and whereas the above mentioned Royal Burrows, and the Noble and Honourable Magiſtrates of the foreſaid City are again diſpoſed, by virtue of the ſalutary Clauſe contained in the Thirty eighth Article of the ſaid Staple Contract, and the Fourteenth Article of the ſaid Contract of Amplification, Prolongation and Confirmation following thereupon, of Twenty fourth *December*, Seventeen hundred and eighteen, by which it is expreſsly ſtipulated and agreed, that the ſaid Royal Burrows and Burgomaſters, and Counſellors of *Campvere*, ſhould have Power, after the Expiration of the above written firſt and ſecond Terms of Twenty one Years, to renew, continue and prolong the ſaid Staple Contract, with the Contract of Prolongation and Amplification, for ſuch a Term of Years, as they the ſaid Royal Burrows and Magiſtrates of ſaid City ſhould find good, and agree together, the more and more to preſerve, renew and increaſe the ancient good Underſtanding and Friendſhip, which began in the Year 1444, and has continued, to this Day, betwixt the ſaid Royal Burrows on the one Side, and the Magiſtrates of the ſaid City on the other Side, by which the Subjects of the ſaid Kingdom of *Scotland*, and the Inhabitants of the ſaid City have, by their Trade and Commerce, mutually reaped ſo great Advantages; therefore it is, that, to obtain a Purpoſe and Deſign ſo much wiſhed for, they have thought

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fit to appoint Commiſſioners and Deputies, that is to ſay, the ſaid Royal Burrows have appointed the Honourable *Archibald Mac Aulay* Eſq; Reſident of his Majeſty of *Great-Britain*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, and Commiſſioner of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*; and the ſaid Burgomaſters and Counſellors of the ſaid City, have appointed the Honourable Heer *Joan Hieronymus Huyſen*, and *Joan Louiſt Verelſt*, Counſellors and Ruling Burgomaſters, together with *Pieter Haak Kerkman* and *Nicolaas Steengracht*, Counſellors and Old Burgomaſters, and Mr. *Joan Bernard Laurens de Vaſſi*, Counſellor, Scheepen and Penſionary of ſaid City; which Deputies being furniſhed with proper Powers, the true Copies of them follow;

Here follows the Commiſſion of the Royal Burrows of Scotland.

In the General Convention of the Royal Burrows, holden at the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, upon the 8*th* Day of *July* 1736 Years, by the Commiſſioners therein conveened.

THE which Day the Convention taking into their ſerious Conſideration, That whereas, by the 38th Article of the ſtanding Staple Contract, entred into betwixt them and the Magiſtrates of the Town of *Campvere*, for the

the Term of 21 Years, dated at the *Hague*, the 25*th December* 1697 Years, *N. S.* it is by the ſaid Article ſtipulated and agreed, that the Royal Burrows and the Town of *Campvere* may prolong and continue the ſaid Contract, after the Expiration of the ſaid 21 Years, for what Term of Years longer they ſhould agree together. Accordingly, upon the 24*th December* 1718, the ſaid Staple Contract was prolonged for a Term of 21 Years thereafter, and ſeveral additional Articles were then concluded and agreed upon by the Commiſſioners and Deputies for both Parties; and particularly, by the 14th Article, it is ſtipulate that the ſaid Contract ſhould continue not only for the ſaid Number of 21 Years, but alſo ſo long thereafter as the Royal Burrows and the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Campvere* ſhould mutually agree together: And the Convention conſidering, that the Staple Contract and Prolongation thereof above-mentioned, expires upon the 25*th December* 1739, and of how great Import and Concern the Continuation thereof, for a further Term of 21 Years, will prove to the State of Burrows, and how neceſſary and expedient it is, that ſome diſcreet and well qualified Perſon be employed to treat with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* to that Effect, and being fully perſuaded of the Integrity, Abilities, and other Qualifications of *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Agent and Conſul in the *Netherlands*, and preſent Conſervator of

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the *Scots* Privileges; therefore they have given and granted, and, by theſe Preſents, grant full Power and Commiſſion, expreſs Bidding, Mandament, and Charge to the ſaid *Archibald Mac Aulay* to execute and conclude a further Prolongation and Continuance, with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, of the ſaid Staple Contract, for a Term of 21 Years longer, after the Expiration of the preſent Staple Contract, and firſt Prolongation thereof above-mentioned, firm and ſtable holding all that ſhall be concluded upon by the ſaid *Archibald Mac Aulay* in Terms above-mentioned; and that the ſaid *Archibald Mac Aulay* acquaint the annual Committee of the Royal Burrows, from Time to Time, what he has done therein; and ordain thir Preſents to be ſigned by Mr. *George Home* Town Clerk of *Edinburgh*, and General Clerk to the Royal Burrows, and the Common Seal of the ſaid City of *Edinburgh* to be affixed hereto; whereanent thir Preſents ſhall be a Warrant. Extracted forth of the Records of the Burrows by me

GEORGE HOME.

Here follows the Commiſſion of the Honourable Burgomaſters and Council of Campvere, *wrote in the* Dutch *Language, and tranſlated into* Engliſh.

BE it known unto all whom it may concern, That we the Burgomaſters and Counſellors of *Campvere*, having maturely conſidered,

ed, that the Staple Contract which we concluded with the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, upon the *25th* of *December* 1697, *N. S.* for the Space of 21 Years, and again upon the *24th December* 1718, renewed and continued for the like Space of 21 Years, does expire upon the *25th December* 1739, and of how great Neceſſity and Importance it is to this Town and the Inhabitants thereof, that this Staple Contract ſhould be renewed and prolonged; and further, that it is expreſsly ſtipulated and agreed in the 31ſt and 38 Articles of the ſame, that, upon the Expiration of the ſaid Space of 21 Years, it ſhould be in the Power of the Royal Burrows, and of the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, to continue and prolong the ſaid Contract, for ſuch a Term of Years, as the ſaid Royal Burrows and the Magiſtrates of *Campvere* ſhall think good; therefore we have commiſſionated and appointed, and hereby do commiſſion and appoint, the Hon. Heer *Joan Huyſen* and *Joan Verelſt*, Counſellors and ruling Burgomaſters, together with *Pieter Haak Kerkman* and *Nicolaas Steengracht*, Counſellors and old Burgomaſters, and Mr. *Joan Bernard Laurens de Vaſſi*, Counſellor and old Scheepen of this City, on our Part, and in our Names, to treat with the Hon. *Archibald MacAulay*, Eſq; Reſident of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and Conſervator of the Privileges of the *Scots* Nation in the Seventeen Provinces of the *Netherlands*, and Commiſſio-

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ner from the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, being arrived here, and to conclude and ſign, for the Space of 21 Years, a Continuance, or Prolongation and Amplification, and Explication of ſaid Staple Contract, firmly promiſing, on our Part, to agree to approve, ratify and guarantee, all and every Thing that ſhall be done in this Matter, in our Name, and on our Part, by our ſaid Commiſſioners; and hereby further declaring, that, in caſe of Abſence of one or more of the Deputies, thoſe preſent ſhall have Power notwithſtanding to proceed. In Teſtimony whereof we have cauſed this our full Power, Commiſſion and Inſtruction to be ſealed, and the Town's Seal thereto appended, and to be ſigned, by our Secretary, on the 6th *October* 1736.

P. HAAK KERKMAN.

And accordingly the ſaids Deputies, by Virtue of their full Powers and Commiſſions, having, at ſeveral Times, within the foreſaid Town of *Campvere*, had ſundry Conferences together, for and in the Name of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and the Hon. the Burgomaſters and Counſellors of *Campvere*, they have at laſt concluded and agreed to the following Articles and Conditions.

ART. I. That the preſent Staple Contract, with the ſeparate Articles thereof, both concluded on the 25*th December* 1697, *N. S.* betwixt the Burgomaſters and Counſellors of *Campvere*,

Campvere, on the one Side, and the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* on the other Side, ſhall continue in full Force, and be obſerved in all its Parts without Alteration, except ſo far and in ſuch Reſpects as, by this preſent new Contract of Prolongation, Confirmation, Amplification and Explication, any Change or Alteration, ſuitable to the preſent Times, may, by Virtue of the 31ſt and 38th Articles of the ſaid Contract, be made; the Contract of Amplification, concluded the 2d *Auguſt* 1702, and alſo the foreſaid Contract of Amplification and Prolongation of 24th *December* 1718, (excepting the 14th Article thereof, which continues in full Force) being hereby caſſed and annulled, in ſo far as they are not in this renewed and continued.

II. That, for Explication of the 5th Article of ſaid Staple Contract anent the Arbitrators, it is agreed, that, in their Meeting, one of the *Dutch* Commiſſioners ſhall proceed, whether the Plaintiff be a *Scotſman* or a *Dutchman*; that the Place of their Meeting ſhall always be in the Stadthouſe; that the Records of their Proceedings ſhall always be in the *Dutch* Language, and regiſtrated in a Book to be keeped in the Secretary's Office of the City, that all whom it may concern may have Acceſs to ſee, and have Extracts of the ſame; that the Officer of the Conſervator Court ſhall ſummon the Defendant, if he be a *Scotſman*, (unleſs he ſhould be contumacious) and a Town's Meſ-

ſenger, if he be a *Dutchman*; that the ſaid Court ſhall not proceed, unleſs there be preſent at leaſt one Arbitrator of each Nation, unleſs it ſhould happen, that all the Arbitrators of the one or the other Nation continue to abſent themſelves more than once after being cited a ſecond Time, in which Caſe thoſe of the other Nation may proceed; and, finally, that the Office of Arbitrators, in any Cauſe, ſhall not be underſtood to be ſet aſide; but after the ſecond Neglect, in caſe both the contending Parties ſhould be inclined and reſolved abſolutely to adhere to the arbitral Sentence of the foreſaid Arbitrators, in the Matter in queſtion, and, agreeable thereto, having renounced Right to Reduction and Appeal, and other Remedies uſual in the Law, inſtead of following and proſecuting their Cauſe or Cauſes, in Manner as is more fully expreſt in the foreſaid firſt Article of the ſaid Staple Contract, in that Caſe the ſaid Arbitrators ſhall be bound and obliged, if Need be, to chuſe, by Majority of Voices, and join to themſelves an Overſman, and together carefully to examine the Cauſe or Cauſes in queſtion, and pronounce ſuch Sentence and Decreet-arbitral as they ſhall find agreeable to Juſtice and Equity; which Sentence and Decreet-arbitral ſhall be final and deciſive, ſo that the Parties contending ſhall not have Power to carry their Cauſe before any other Court or Judge whatſomever.

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III. Concerning the 6th Article, it is underſtood thereby the *Scots* Kirk ſhall be left entirely for the Uſe of thoſe of the *Scots* Nation; ſo that the Magiſtrates, during the Contract, may not diſpoſe of it, without Conſent of the *Scots* Conſiſtory; That, for the future, thoſe of that Nation may be exeemed from the ſtamped Warrand for burying their Dead. And, laſtly, the Magiſtrates agree, that the Obligations belonging to the *Scots* Poor ſhall always continue appropriated to them, as long as there are here a *Scots* Church and Poor, even tho' the Staple ſhould be removed to another Place.

IV. The Royal Burrows ſhall ſtrictly diſcharge and forbid all Staple Factors to have Partnerſhip or Companyſhip in Factory with any Houſe in *Rotterdam*, or any other Place in the Provinces, except the Staple Port; and that they ſhall not, at any other Place, by themſelves or by their Correſpondents, receive or ſell any Staple Goods from *Scotland*, upon Pain of Forfeiture of Five Hundred Guilders each Time they ſhall be found to contraveen, for which Effect they ſhall give a Bond ſuitable to the Agent of the Burrows.

V. Farther, the Lord Conſervator ſhall be diſcharged to receive Dues on Staple Goods brought to any other Place but *Campvere*, but ſhall be obliged, as ſoon as he can get Knowledge thereof, to proſecute the Tranſgreſſors before his Court at the Staple Port.

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VI. For the ſtricter Obſervation, Elucidation and Execution of the 23d Article of the Staple Contract, it is hereby agreed and concluded in the firſt Place, that the Agent of the Royal Burrows ſhall, as far as poſſible, endeavour to procure Liſts of all Ship-maſters and Merchants, that may preſume to carry Staple Goods from *Scotland* to any other Place in the United Provinces than to the Staple Port; of which Liſt or Liſts an authentick Copy (if required) ſhall be ſent to the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*. 2*dly*, If any ſuch Ship-maſters or Merchants ſhould come to the Staple Port within an half Year after ſending of the above-mentioned Liſt, the Conſervator, or his Depute, ſhall be obliged to proſecute them before his Court, to the End that they may be condignly puniſhed for the Contravention. 3*dly*, After Expiration of the foreſaid ſix Months, the Conſervator, or his Depute, ſhall be obliged to ſend to the Preſident of the Royal Burrows a Liſt or Liſts of all ſuch Contraveeners and Tranſgreſſors as have not received their juſt Puniſhment at the Staple Port, by reaſon of their not coming there, or otherways, to the End that they may be proſecuted by the Agent of the Royal Burrows before the proper Courts in *Scotland*, and receive condign Puniſhment conform to the Laws thereanent; of all which Proſecutions, and the Sentences and Executions following thereupon, either before the Conſervator's Court, or the Courts of *Scotland*,

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Accounts ſhall be regularly given every half Year to the Burgomaſters and Counſellors of *Campvere*. And farther, the foreſaid Ship-maſters, who have been guilty of Breach of the Staple Contract, ſhall be obliged to declare upon Oath for whoſe Account the Staple Goods were loaded which he carryed to any other Port in the *Netherlands*, what Bills of Loading, or private Orders relating to them, he had under Hand from the Freighters, to the End that theſe who may be found may be proceeded againſt in Manner above expreſſed. And to facilitate and forward the Accompliſhment of this Article, the Conſervator, or his Depute, ſhall keep an exact Regiſter of all *Scots* Ships which come to the Staple Port, whether with Staple Goods or any other, with the Names of the Ship-maſters and Merchants from whence they come.

VII. For the farther Explication and clearing of the 3d Article of the Amplifications or ſeparate Articles of the Year 1697, upon the earneſt Deſire and repeated Inſtances of the preſent Lord Conſervator, it is hereby declared to be underſtood, that under Lead Ore Bar Lead ſhall be likeways comprehended, as being of the ſame Subſtance and Nature, and only by Miſtake omitted to be therein expreſſed, and therefore ſhall be reckoned amongſt the Staple Goods mentioned in the 3d Article of the Staple Contract, and ſhall enjoy the ſame Free-

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doms and Exemptions as Lead Ore, when it ſhall be brought to the Staple Port.

VIII. Concerning Salt made in *Scotland*, that it may be reckoned amongſt the Staple Goods mentioned in the foreſaid 3d Article of the Staple Contract, with the ſame Exemption of Duty, *&c.* as other Staple Goods, it is agreed and reſolved, upon the preſſing Inſtances of the preſent Lord Conſervator, that the Burgomaſters and Council of the foreſaid City of *Campvere* ſhall with all Earneſtneſs renew their Deliberations, whether it can in Prudence be granted; and, in caſe it may be, then for the farther Encouragement of thoſe of the *Scots* Nation, it ſhall be brought into the Claſs of Staple Goods by a ſecond and farther Amplification, or by a ſeparate Article to be hereto ſubjoined.

IX. In like Manner the foreſaid Burgomaſters and Council of *Campvere*, upon the repeated Inſtances and preſſing Repreſentations of the foreſaid Lord Conſervator, ſhall renew and continue their Deliberations, whether it can likeways be agreed, for the farther Encouragement of the Trade of the *Scots* Nation at the Staple Port, that Herrings, cured according to Law in *Scotland*, and all other Sorts of ſalted and dried Fiſh, may be looked upon as Staple Goods, amongſt thoſe mentioned and ſpecified in the 3d Article of the ſaid preſent Staple Contract of the Year 1697; and, in caſe it can by any Means be allowed with requiſite Circum-

cumſpection, the foreſaid Burgomaſters and Council ſhall willingly acknowledge the ſaid Goods as ſuch, that they may enjoy the Privileges and Immunities of other Staple Goods.

X. The Burgomaſters and Council of *Campvere*, in conſequence of, and for fulfilling the Seventh Article of the above mentioned Contract of Amplification and Prolongation of 24th *December* 1718, having obtained from their Noble Mightineſſes the States of *Zealand* a proper Salary for the preſent Precentor and Sexton of the *Scots* Church here at the Staple Port, they hereby farther oblige themſelves, in caſe theſe Offices ſhould fall vacant, to continue their utmoſt Endeavours, that the foreſaid Salary ſhould not only be continued to the ſucceeding Precentor and Sexton, but, if poſſible, that it ſhould be augmented and increaſed.

XI. For the farther Encouragement of the *Scots* Nation, it is by this Article concluded and agreed, that, for the better explaining of the Twenty third Article of the preſent Staple Contract, the Penalty againſt Tranſgreſſors of the Staple, expreſſed in the ſaid Article, ſhall be ſo far limited and altered, that, in Time coming, thoſe who carry their Staple Goods to any other Port, contrary to the expreſs Tenor of the ſaid Contract, inſtead of forfeiting all their Goods, ſhall forfeit only their Staple Goods, or the Value of them.

XII. If any of the *Scots* Nation, thro' Ignorance, ſhould tranſgreſs againſt the Pachters

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(or Farmers) of the City's or the publick Revenues, if, in ſuch a Caſe, any Goods, being of ſmall Value, ſhould be challenged, it is agreed, that the Burgomaſters and Council of *Campvere* ſhall protect thoſe of the *Scots* Nation from vexatious Suits of ſuch Pachters, or their Collectors; and farther take Care, that, in Conformity and agreeable to the Twenty ſeventh Article of the foreſaid Staple Contract, no more than two Stivers for Expedition ſhall be demanded from thoſe of the *Scots* Nation for Billets or Pacht-notes. As alſo it is agreed by the Burgomaſters and Council of *Campvere*, that *Scots* Factors ſhall be allowed Toll-brieves for ſending their Goods to *Holland*, without being obliged to take the uſual Oaths.

XIII. Farther, it is found good and agreed, that the Lord Conſervator ſhall enjoy his yearly Traitament, or *Honorarium*, in the ſame Manner as the Conſervator his Predeceſſors have enjoyed it, and as it is expreſſed in the Amplifications of the Staple Contract 1697.

XIV. The Conſervator ſhall not employ, in any Offices or Places depending on his Court, any of the Burghers and Inhabitants of this Town, without the previous Knowledge and Conſent of the Honourable Burgomaſters and Council of the ſame; but his Lordſhip may freely employ, in ſuch Offices, any other Perſons not living in this Town, and ſuch ſhall enjoy all the Privileges and Immunities ſtipulated

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by the Staple Contract for thoſe of the *Scots* Nation.

XV. It is likeways agreed, That *Scots* Factors may hire and freight, as they think fit, any of the Veſſels, called ſmall Scheepen and Schuyten, belonging to this Town, without being obliged to obſerve the ordinary Forms of Voyages by Turns, or by Lot; but always paying the Hires to be appointed, for which Purpoſe a new Regulation of the ſaid Hires ſhall be made by the Honourable Burgomaſters and Council, with Approbation of the Lord Conſervator or his Depute.

XVI. *Laſtly*, It is by this Article mutually agreed and concluded, That the Continuation and Prolongation of the Staple of the *Scots* Nation, within this Town of *Campvere*, ſhall again be renewed and prolonged for the like Space of Twenty one Years, after the Expiration of the preſent Contract of Prolongation and Amplification of the Year 1718, that is, after the 25th of *December* 1739, and thereafter for ſuch a Number of Years, as the foreſaid Royal Burrows and Burgomaſters, and Council of *Campvere*, ſhall agree and think proper, before the Expiration of the foreſaid enſuing Twenty one Years, the foreſaids Commiſſioners promiſing, in Name and Behalf of their Conſtituents on both Sides, ſtrictly to obſerve, and hold firm and ſtable all the Articles and Points contained, as well in the foreſaid Staple Contract of the Year 1697, as in this

new Contract of Prolongation, Amplification and Continuation, that thereby the foreſaid Staple Contract, and this Amplification, may, as far as poſſible, be made of laſting Continuance; and this Contract of Prolongation and Amplification ſhall take full Effect, upon concluding and ſigning thereof by the Commiſſioners on both Sides.

XVII. The Ratification on both Sides ſhall be mutually exchanged within Twelve Months after concluding and ſigning this preſent Contract of Prolongation and Amplification.

All which being thus done, agreed and concluded, we the Commiſſioners of foreſaid Royal Burrows, and the Burgomaſters and Council of *Campvere*, by virtue of our reſpective Powers before inſert, have, in their Names, cauſed make two original Inſtruments of the ſame Tenor, and ſigned the ſame with our uſual Subſcriptions, and thereto affixed our Seals, within the ſaid Town of *Campvere*, on the 24th of *October* 1736.

ARCH. MACAULAY. JOAN H. HUYSSEN.
P. HAAK KERKMAN. J. L. VERELST.
J. B. L. DE VASSY.

Here follows the Ratification of his moſt Serene Highneſs the Prince of Orange *and* Naſſau, *with his Highneſs's Authority, as Marquis of* Campvere, *to proceed to a farther Prolongation.*

WE *William, Charles, Henry, Friſo*, by the Grace of God, Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*,

Naſſau, Earl of *Catſenelnbogen*, *Vianden Diet*, *Spiegelberg*, *Buuren*, *Leerdam* and *Cuylenburg*, Marquis of *Veer* and *Vliſſing*, Lord and Baron of *Breda*, *Beelſtein* of the City *Grave* and *Land* of *Cuiik*, *Lieſveldt*, *Dieſt*, *Grembergen*, *Herſtall*, *Cranendonk*, *Warneton*, *Anſay*, *Noſeroy*, *St. Vith*, *Doesburg*, *Polanen*, *Williamſtadt*, *Neervaard*, *Yſelſtein*, *Breedwoord*, *Steenbergen*, *St. Martensdyk*, *Geen*, *Arndenburg*, *Turnhout*, *Zevenbergen*, the High and Low *Swaluws*, and *Naaldyk*, Lord of *Ameland*, Hereditary *Burg-Graaf* of *Antwerp* and *Beſancon*, Hereditary Mariſchall of *Holland*, Hereditary Stadtholder, Captain and Admiral General of the Seven United Provinces, Captain General and Admiral of the Union, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, *&c. &c. &c.* to all who may ſee or hear this read, greeting: Whereas the Honourable *Archibald MacAulay*, Eſq; Agent of his *Britannick* Majeſty, and Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, did, as Deputy from the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, together with Meſſrs. *Joan Hieronimus Huyſſen*, and *Joan Louis Verelſt*, Counſellors and Ruling Burghermaſters, *Pieter Haak Kerkman*, and *Nicolaas Steengracht*, Counſellors and old Burghermaſters, and *Joan Bernard Laurence de Vaſſy*, Counſellor and old Scheepen of our City of *Campvere*, as Deputies of our ſaid City, upon the 24th Day of *October* 1746, did prolong, for the Space of Twenty one Years, the then ſubſiſting Staple Contract, and ſo beginning

ginning the 25th *December* 1739, to which is ſtill wanting our Approbation, Conſent and Acceſſion. And as we are deſired by the Right Honourable *George Drummond* Lord Provoſt of the City of *Edinburgh*, and *Archibald Mac Aulay* Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, as Deputies of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and Mr. *Dirk Huybert Verelſt* Counſellor of our City of *Campvere*, and Deputy from the Province of *Zealand*, in the Council of State, Mr. *Joan Boreell de Mauregnault*, Scheepen and Counſellor, and *Jacobus de Clever* Secretary of our ſaid City, agreeable to their reſpective Commiſſions above inſert, not only to ſtrengthen, with our Conſent and Acceſſion to the aforeſaid Contract, as being founded upon a Contract made, and concluded the 25th *December* 1697, in the Time of a former Marquis of *Campvere*, King *William* III. of glorious Memory, but alſo to conſent, that the Staple Contract, ſtill ſubſiſting, may be prolonged for the Space of Twenty one Years after the Expiration, which will be upon the 25th *December* 1760, and thereafter as much longer as the Royal Burrows and the City of *Campvere* may agree; therefore it is, that we, as Marquis of our ſaid City, in Conſideration of the very antient Friendſhip which has ſubſiſted betwixt the foreſaid Royal Burrows and our ſaid City of *Campvere*, and to the Encouragement, and to increaſe the Trade betwixt them, hereby approve

prove and agree to the foreſaid Staple Contract of the Year 1736; as alſo that of the 25th *December* 1697, in ſo far as it is not changed or altered by that of the 1736, and, ſo far as relates to us, we agree and conſent, that the foreſaid Contract of the Year 1736, in all its Points and Articles, ſhould be prolonged for the Space of Twenty one Years after the Expiration thereof, and this to begin the 25th *December* 1760, and as much longer as the Royal Burrows and our City of *Campvere* may agree, approving and ratifying the Contract of Prolongation concluded betwixt the Deputies of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and the Deputies of our City of *Campvere*, with our Conſent and Acceſſion, here at the *Hague*, upon the 7th *December* this Year; and in Conſideration of the foreſaid Deputies of the Royal Burrows have come to this Place for that Purpoſe, we corroborate this with our own Subſcription. Done at our Court in the *Hague*, the 12th *December* 1748.

W. H. C. Prince ORANGE and NASSAU.

By his Serene Highneſs,

J. BACK.

Here follows the laſt Prolongation in December 1748.

WHEREAS, upon the 25th of *December* in the Year 1697, N. S. a Contract betwixt

twixt the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* on the one Part, and the Burgomaſters and Rulers of the City of *Campvere* on the other Part, was by their reſpective Deputies concluded and entered into, concerning the Prerogatives, Freedoms and Privileges, which thoſe of the *Scots* Nation enjoy within the City of *Campvere*, which was approven and ratified by his Majeſty *William* III. of glorious Memory, as King of *Scotland*, and by their Noble Mightineſſes the States of *Zealand*; which Contract was, upon the 24th of *October* 1736, renewed with ſome Ampliations and Alterations for the Space of Twenty one Years, commencing from the 25th of *December* 1739; and whereas the aforeſaid Royal Burrows, and the Noble Worſhipful Government of the aforeſaid City, being again inclined to renew the ſame, with the Approbation, Conſent and Acceſſion of his moſt Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, Hereditary Stadtholder, Captain and Admiral General of the United Provinces, as Marquis of the ſaid City of *Campvere*, by virtue of the ſaving Clauſe contained in the Thirty eighth Article of the aforeſaid Contract of the Year 1697, and of the Sixteenth Article of the Year 1736, whereby it is expreſsly ſtipulated and agreed, That the foreſaid Burgomaſters and Rulers of *Campvere* ſhould be permitted, after the Expiration of the foreſaid Staple Contract, to prolong and amplify the ſame for ſuch a Term of Years, as the foreſaid

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Royal Burrows and Burgomaſters and Rulers of *Campvere* ſhould together agree and think proper, the more and more to preſerve, renew and increaſe the very antient and good Underſtanding and Friendſhip, which began in the Year 1444, and has ſubſiſted, to this Day, betwixt the foreſaid Royal Burrows on the one Part, and the Government of the foreſaid City on the other Part, whereby the Subjects of the ſaid Kingdom, and the Inhabitants of the ſaid City have mutually gained ſo much by their Trade and Navigation; therefore it is, that, to attain ſo deſirable an End, they have thought good and proper to appoint and depute, that is to ſay, the foreſaid Royal Burrows depute and appoint the Right Honourable *George Drummond* Eſq; Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and the Honourable *Archibald Mac Aulay* Eſq; Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, and Deputies of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and the aforeſaid Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of the foreſaid City of *Campvere*, depute and appoint Mr. *Dirk Huybert Verelſt*, Counſellor of the ſaid City, and Deputy from the Province of *Zealand*, in the Council of State of the United Provinces, Mr. *Joan Boreell de Mauregnault*, Scheepen and Counſellor, and *Jacobus de Cliever*, Secretary of the ſaid City; which Deputies being furniſhed reſpectively with proper Powers, true Copies of them here follow.

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Here follows the Commiſſion of the Royal Burrows of Scotland.

In the General Convention of the Royal Burrows, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, holden at the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, upon the *5th* Day of *July* 1748 Years, by their Commiſſioners therein conveened.

THE which Day, the General Convention of the Royal Burrows, having taken into their Conſideration their Staple Contract with the Hon. Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, obſerved that this Contract was extremely antient, preſerved with great Amity and Benevolence between the Right Honourable and Reſpectful Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, and the State of Burrows, in which antient Contract the Illuſtrious Princes of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, Marquiſſes of *Campvere*, were Parties, and theſe confirmed by the Moſt Noble Regency of the States of *Zealand*.

That as the ſubſiſting Contract wants to be ratified and approven by his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* as Marquis of *Campvere*, they judge it neceſſary to have this Contract confirmed, in all its Particulars, by his ſaid Serene Highneſs and the States of *Zealand*, and prolonged for ſuch a Space of Time, as ſhall be required by the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, or thought fit and convenient by his

his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange*, as Marquis of *Campvere*, and Stadtholder of the United Provinces, and Moſt Noble Lords of the States of *Zealand*;

Therefore they, for promoting ſo good Purpoſes, and confirming the Privileges of the Royal Burrows, being well ſatisfied of the Abilities of the Right Hon. *George Drummond*, Eſq; Lord Provoſt of the City of *Edinburgh*, and of the Hon. *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Eſq; Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, do hereby commiſſion, authorize and appoint the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and Lord Conſervator, with Concurrence of the very Hon. the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, to wait on his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange*, Marquis of *Campvere*, and after repreſenting the great Joy and Satisfaction the Royal Burrows have of his having attained the Rank and Dignity of Stadtholder of the Republick of *Holland*, ſo glorioufly maintained by his illuſtrious Predeceſſors, for the Honour of the State in which he preſides, and the Liberties of neighbouring Nations, to uſe their Endeavours, in Conjunction with the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, to obtain from his Serene Highneſs the Marquis of *Campvere* a Ratification of the preſent ſubſiſting Contract, and a farther Prolongation of the ſame, in ſuch Terms, and for ſuch a Space of Years as ſhall be agreed upon between the Honourable Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, and the Commiſſioners

above-mentioned; and they hereby appoint their Clerk to certify this Deed by adhibiting his Subſcription, and, as uſually, by affixing thereto the Seal of the City of *Edinburgh*, the Metropolis of *Scotland*. Extracted furth of the Records of the Convention of Royal Burrows, by me Mr. *Joſeph Williamſon*, General Clerk to the Royal Burrows; likeas the Seal of the City of *Edinburgh* is hereto affixed.

JOSEPH WILLIAMSON.

The Commiſſion of the Noble and Worſhipful the Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of ſaid City of Campvere, *wrote in the low* Dutch *Language, being tranſlated, is as follows*, viz.

WE Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of the City of *Campvere*, to all thoſe who may ſee or hear this read, greeting: As the very Honourable and Worſhipful the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* have thought fit to depute the very Honourable and Worſhipful Gentlemen, *George Drummond*, Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the United *Netherlands*, to enter into Negotiation with us, concerning the ſtrict Obſervation and maintaining the Staple Contract concluded in the Year 1736, in conſequence of the Authorization mutually given by the

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38th Article of the Staple Contract concluded the 25th *December* 1697, and particularly to entreat the Approbation and Agreement of his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, as Marquis of this City, to the Staple Contract of the Year 1736, which, in all its Parts, is quite agreeable to the Contract made in the Year 1697, with the Approbation and Conſent of his Majeſty the King of Great *Britain*, *William* III. of glorious Memory, then Marquis of this City, being a Prolongation thereof, his Serene Highneſs not having given his Approbation and Conſent thereto, as he was not then put in Poſſeſſion of the foreſaid Marquiſate: Therefore it is that we, to forward ſo beneficial a Work for this City, have thought meet to depute, likeas we hereby depute Mr. *Dirk Huybert Vereliſt*, Counſellor of this City, and Deputy of the Province of *Zealand*, in the Council of State in the United *Netherlands*, Mr. *Joan Boreel de Mauregnault*, Scheepen and Counſellor, and the Secretary *Jacobus de Cliever*, that, together with the foreſaid Deputies of the Royal Burrows, they may addreſs themſelves to his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, hereditary Stadtholder, and to entreat his Serene Highneſs to accede to the foreſaid Staple Contract, and to ſupport it with his Power; and that it may pleaſe his Serene Highneſs, by his Influence in the Aſſembly of the States of this Province, to effectuate that the foreſaid Staple Contract

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may be ratified by the States of the Province, as was done concerning the Contract of the Year 1697. Further entreating, that it may pleaſe his Highneſs to conſent to the Prolongation of the foreſaid Staple Contract for the Space of Twenty-one Years after the Expiration of the current Contract, or for as many Years as his Serene Highneſs may judge for the Good of his City, and the Burghers thereof.

And if his Serene Highneſs ſhould think fit to conſent to the foreſaid Prolongation, the foreſaid Deputies are authoriſed to conclude, and ſign in our Name, the neceſſary Deeds of Prolongation; and every thing that ſhall be done by the ſaid Deputies, in our Name, ſhall be approven, warranted and ratified by us.

In Teſtimony whereof, we have ordered this to be ſealed with the Counter-ſeal of the City, and to be ſigned by the Secretary upon the 29th *November* 1748.

JACOBUS DE CLIEVER.

And the aforeſaid Deputies, by virtue of the full Powers and Commiſſions above inſert, having been ſeveral Times in Conference together in the *Hague*, for and in Name of the ſaid Royal Burrows, and of the Noble and Worſhipful the Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of the ſaid City, have again, with the Approbation, Acceſſion and Conſent of his moſt Serene Highneſs the Prince

Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, hereditary Stadtholder, *&c. &c.* as Marquis of *Campvere*, agreed and concluded, likeas they hereby declare, that they have agreed and concluded,

I. That the Staple Contract, with the ſeparate Articles thereof, both concluded upon the 25th *Decem.* 1697, N. S. betwixt the Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of the City of *Campvere* on the one Part, and the Royal Burrows of *Scotland* on the other Part, in ſo far as it is not altered by the Contract of Prolongation and Ampliation concluded upon the 24th of *October* 1736, as alſo the ſaid Contract of the 24th *October* 1736, ſhall remain in their full Power and Force, without any Alteration, and that therefore, in all their Parts and Articles, they are to be performed and obſerved.

II. It is mutually agreed and declared, That the Continuance of the *Scots* Staple at *Campvere* ſhall remain in full Force for the Space of Twenty-one Years, after the Expiration of the preſent ſubſiſting Contract of Prolongation and Ampliation of the Year 1736, which will be upon the 25th *December* 1760, and thereafter for as many Years as the ſaid Royal Burrows and the Lords Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of the ſaid City may agree and think proper. And it is further undertaken by the Magiſtrates of *Campvere*, that they will effectuate, that the foreſaid Staple Contract of the Year 1736, together with this of Prolongation, ſhall be approved and ratified by the States of *Zealand*; likeas, it ſhall be approved

approved and ratified by his *Britannick* Majeſty.

Laſtly, The foreſaid Deputies, in Name and Behalf of the Conſtituants on both Sides, promiſe regularly to obſerve and perform all the Articles contained in the foreſaid Staple Contract of the Year 1697, and of the Contract of Ampliation and Prolongation of the Year 1736, and of this Contract of Prolongation, in all their Points and Parts, that ſo the Staple Contract, the Ampliations and Prolongations, may, as much as poſſible, be made everlaſting.

This being done, agreed and concluded, we the Deputies of the Royal Burrows, and we the Deputies of the Noble and Worſhipful Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of *Campvere*, by virtue of our reſpective full Powers above inſerted, and in their Names, have hereof made two Inſtruments of the ſame Tenor, and ſigned them with our uſual Subſcriptions, and thereto put our Seals, in the *Hague*, upon the 7th of *December*, 1748.

D. H. Verelst.

Geo. Drummond.

J. Boreel de Mauregnault.

Arch. MacAulay.

Jacobus de Cliever.

Follows

Follows the Ratification of the laſt Staple Contract by the Magiſtracy of Campvere.

WE Baillieuw, Burgomaſters, Scheepens and Counſellors of the City of *Campvere*, to all who may ſee or hear theſe Preſents, greeting, make known, That whereas *George Drummond*, Eſq; Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Eſq; Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the United *Netherlands*, Deputies from the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, and Meſſrs. *Dirk Huybert Verelſt* Counſellor of this City, and Deputy from this Province in the Council of State of the United *Netherlands*, *Joan Bereel de Mauregnault*, Scheepen and Counſellor, and *Jacobus de Clievet* Secretary, as our Deputies, did, upon the 7th of this Month, in the *Hague*, make and conclude a Contract of Prolongation of the preſent ſubſiſting Staple Contract, and that for the Term of 21 Years, after the Expiration of the ſaid Staple Contract, and ſo commencing the 25th *December* 1760; to which Contract his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* and *Nauſſau*, hereditary Stadtholder, as Marquis of this City, and Principal Contractor, has graciouſly acceded: And, to give Proof of our Sincerity, therefore it is that we agree, approve and ratify, likeas we hereby agree, approve and ratify the Contract made by the forſaid Deputies of the Royal Burrows and our foreſaid Deputies, upon

upon the 7th of this Month, in the *Hague*; promiſing, in all Truth and Sincerity, that we ſhall inviolably obſerve the ſame, in all its Points and Articles, without doing any thing contrary thereto, directly or indirectly, in any Manner whatſoever. In Teſtimony whereof, we have cauſed theſe Preſents to be ſigned by our Secretary, and the Great Seal impreſſed thereon. Done in *Campvere*, 31ſt *December* 1748.

JACOBUS DE CLIEVER.

Follows the Ratification of the ſame by the Royal Burrows,

In the General Convention of the Royal Burrows of *Scotland*, holden at the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, upon the 4th Day of *July* 1749, by their Commiſſioners therein conveened.

THE which Day there was preſented to the Convention, by *George Drummond*, Eſq; late Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, the laſt Renewal of the Staple Contract, dated the 7th Day of *December* 1748, ſigned and ſealed by the Hon. the Commiſſioners of the City of *Campvere*, and by the ſaid *George Drummond*, as Preſes of the laſt, and by *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, Commiſſioners for that End appointed by the laſt Convention, together with the Ratification of the Contract 1736, commencing

mencing from the 25th of *December* 1739, and a further Prolongation from the Expiration thereof, for the Space of Twenty one Years, from the 25th Day of *December* 1760, by his Royal Highneſs *William, Charles, Henry, Friſo*, Prince of *Orange* and *Naſſau*, and Hereditary Stadtholder of the *United Provinces*, which being read, the Convention unanimouſly ratified, approved and confirmed, and hereby ratify, approve and confirm the ſaid laſt Renewal and Prolongation of the Staple Contract, ſigned and ſealed by the Commiſſioners for the City of *Campvere*, and their Commiſſiners above named, and approved, and hereby approve of the Conduct and Proceedings of their ſaid Commiſſioners in the ſaid Matter, and agreed to return them the Thanks of this Convention, for the faithful Execution of the Truſt repoſed in them; which was done accordingly. Extracted forth of the Records of the Convention of the Royal Burrows, by me Mr. *Joſeph Williamſon*, conjunct General Clerk to the ſaids Royal Burrows: Likeas the Seal of the City of *Edinburgh* is hereto affixed.

JOS. WILLIAMSON.

Upon Delivery of this Ratification in Form, Application will be made for the Ratification of their Noble Mightineſſes the States of Zealand.

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